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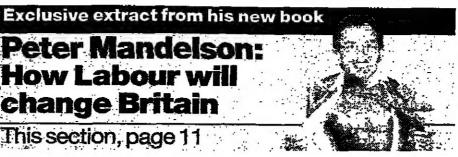
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Peter Mandelson: **How Labour will** change Britain

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How the BBC drives people mad vledia

# Major in bid to buy off rebels

# Concessions on Scott did find other short-comings. There are serious lessons to be learnt. There are issues about the way governeve of Scott vote ment works, which we need to discuss. Nor do I say mistakes weren't made."

will today offer cosmetic conces-Conservative MPs still wavering over the Scott report in the hope of victory in tonight's Commons vote without openly depending on Ul-

ster Unionists for survival.
As David Trimble's nine Ulster Unionists signalled they would join the three Demo-cratic Unionists in abstaining in tonight's 10pm vote, one Tory backbencher, Quentin Davies, announced he could not support the Government.

But other would-be rebels, including Richard Shepherd. appeared to be pulling back from a decision which would nge the Government into : full vote of confidence.

Labour and Tory strategists believe that — with the IRA back on the bombing trail — Unionists will also hesitate to help trigger a spring general election. Rumours that the Democratic Unionists had secured concessions over a proposed elected forum in Northern Ireland in exchange for their abstention were strongly denied last night.

Conservative: 326

Ulster Unionists: 9

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WO West Midlands

police officers have been suspended following alle-

gations that they artificially

improved the force's detec-

tion rates by persuading pris-

oners to confess to crimes they had not committed.

A force spokesman said yes-terday that the officers — PC

Stephen Bakewell and Detective Constable Michael Sabin

- will face a criminal investigation by the complaints and discipline department.

Yesterday's News of the World alleged that prisoners were taken to pubs and res-

taurants, and to see relatives

or girlfriends in return for

signing blank statement

forms. These would then be filled in with unsolved of-

fences, the paper said.
One prisoner, Tony Moss.

told the paper that he admit-

ted five offences in order to

visit his mother, and left the

rest of the form blank. The

newspaper published a "sup-

O DUP: 3

David Palilster

If ministers can claim to have won without needing Unionist support they will be spared diplomatic embarrass-ment in Dublin and Washingcharges of "playing Westmin-ster politics" with the peace process. Paddy Ashdown said it would be "a tragedy" if that

happened. Sir Edward Heath last night denied he would rebel, and Lady Thatcher plans to attack Scott in tonight's Lords

Teddy Taylor, MP for South-end East, last night said he would back the Government. But Mr Davies, MP for Stamford and Spalding, told BBC1's Breakfast With Frost In the present circumstances there is no way I can vote for the adjournment . . . it would mean that what has happened can be forzotten, and we

just carry on regardless." Mr Trimble has made severe criticisms over Scott. but will vote on what he called "the national interest" - including Uister.

Ministers are now softening their refusal either to apologise for errors in the arms-to-iraq affair or to rectify proven shortcomings. In the News of the World, Mr Major wrote: "Sir Richard

Scott: The balance of votes

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'Clear-up con' by police

showing that he had con-fessed to 120 offences. An-other prisoner claimed he

The force's high rate of clear-ups by "Secondary Means", which involve

mainly post-sentence prison visits, was highlighted in the

Austra

The Government has abandoned the controversial claim by Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, in the Matrix Churchill case that ministers have a duty to sign Public Interest Immunity (PII) certificates - gagging orders. The assertion was sharply criti-cised by Sir Richard Scott.

At the time Michael Heseltine was the only minister to express grave doubts which were not properly communi-cated to the trial judge. Yes-terday Mr Heseltine led the ministerial media team defending John Major's refusal to insist on resignations proof, Opposition MPs said, of the Government's desperate determination to bang on.

"Yes, and I think they should I've read every word of the report about William Waldegrave [the criticised former Foreign Office minis-ter, now at the Treasury! and it's inconceivable that man would set out to deceive an body," he said, without similarly defending Sir Nicholas. Ministers will be given more discretion before signing PII certificates and — unlike the Matrix Churchill case

will take personal responsibility for claims that documents should be suppressed. Sir Nicholas told the Scott inquiry that prosecution coun-sel, and not ministers, were which documents could be disclosed - a view Sir Richard vigorously contested.

Ministers will be told to approach PII claims with the presumption that documents should be disclosed rather than suppressed. Ian Lang, the Trade and Industry Secre-tary, is also expected to announce changes in the 1939 export control law.

But the Government rejects the Scott recommendation that blanket PII claims should never be used in criminal trials.

Leader comment, and Letters, page 8; Paul Foot and Geoffrey Robertson,

of Constabulary. It noted:
"The detections for burglary
of dwellings have been
heavily dependent on post
sentence visit clear-ups.

which have increased to well above national levels".

West Midlands claimed that

80.2 per cent of detected bur-

glaries were cleared up in

this way, compared with a national average of 42.7 per cent. Nearly half of all crimes were said to have been

about 18 per cent.
The report said: "Her Majesty's Inspector was con-

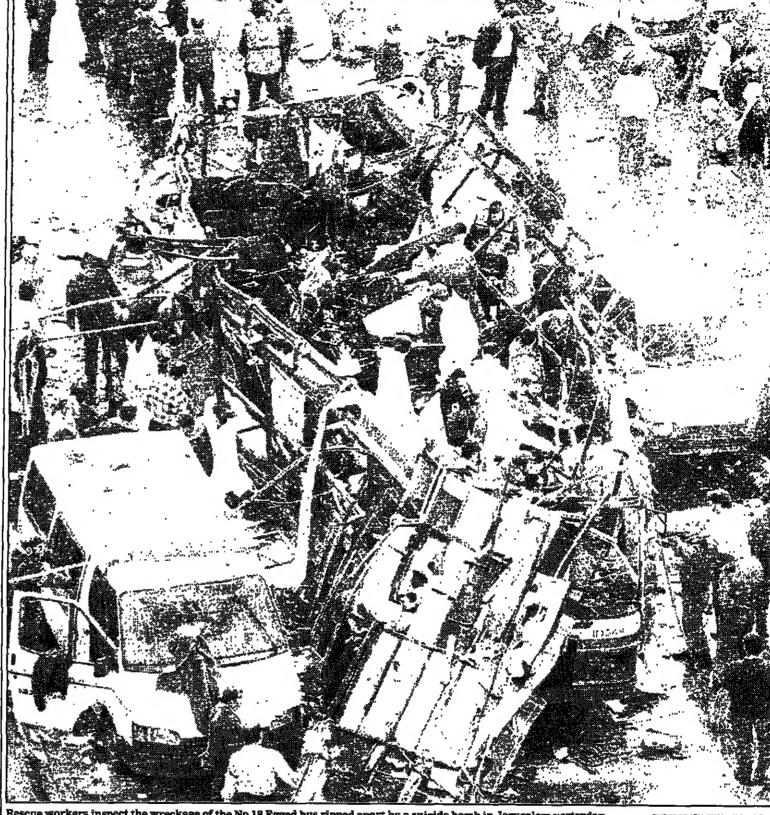
cerned at the high proportion of detections achieved by way

of secondary means, the bulk of which are from admissions

by persons serving custodial sentences."

Robin Corbett, Labour MP

### Hamas claims responsibility for savage blow to Middle East peace



## Double suicide bomb attacks kill 25 in Israel

heart of Jerusalem. Almost exactly one hour later, a car

bomb scythed into a crowd of

soldiers waiting for lifts at a hitch-hiking post at a busy crossroads outside Ashkelon.

Hamas and the smaller mil-

This is a terrorist

operation,' said Mr

Arafat. 'I condemn

itant group, Islamic Jihad.

launched a series of bus

bombings and other suicide attacks between the spring of

1994 and the summer of 1995. Yesterday's bombings were

Twenty-three people died in the Jerusalem bus bombing.

and two more in Ashkelon.

Around 80 were wounded, of

whom 14 were still on the crit-

Body parts and lumps of

street, as ambulances and

the first since last August

ical list last night.

it completely'

Islamist terrorists hit Jerusalem | rescue teams struggled to bus and hitch-hiking soldiers

Derek Brown and Jessica Berry in Jerusalem

SLAMIST suicide bombers struck a savage double blow to the fragile Middle East peace yesterday, killing 25 people and wounding

Two explosions brought bloody mayhem to the heart of Jerusalem, and to a crowded soldiers' hitch-hik-ing station on a busy road outside the southern port of Ashkelon. The death toll was the highest in a single day since Israel and the PLO signed their first peace deal m Sentember 1993.

The Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, claimed responsibility in an anonycleared up through post sentence prison visits compared with a national average of about 18 per cent.

The report said: "Her Majtion for the assassination of master bombmaker Yahya

Ayyash on January 5.
The bombings also came two years to the day since the Hebron massacre, when Jew-ish settler Baruch Goldstein mowed down 29 Palestinians

in a mosque. Ayyash, known as the Engifor Erdington, in Birmingham, said: "These are serious neer, was killed by a booby-trapped mobile telephone, alallegations of malpractice which the West Midlands most certainly planted by Israeli agents. At his funeral, police are right to deal with

restore some kind of order.

Israel responded immediately by closing its borders with the West Bank and the

Gaza Strip, most of which are controlled by the self-rule Pal-estinian Authority headed by chanted: "We want buses, we want cars." Yesterday, they got their bus, and their car. In the first Yasser Arafat.
The prime minister, Shimon Peres, insisted that the peace process would conof the outrages, a powerful bomb, packed with nails and ball-bearings, ripped through a packed commuter bus in the tinue, and called on Mr Ara-fat to "take tough measures to

halt the actions of Hamas".

Mr Arafat also denounced the bombings. "It is not a miltary operation. This is a terrorist operation. I con-demn it completely," he said. Within bours of the bombings, Palestinian police had arrested about 40 Hamas activists. The roundup is expected to continue.

pecied to continue.

One Hamas activist, who preferred to remain anonymous, blamed Mr Arafat for trying to make peace with Israel. "This dialogue is not going anywhere. Armed attacks now cannot damage us any more. And we are not afraid of the Palestinian Authority's

crackdowns," he said.
In Washington, President
Clinton said the bombings offend the conscience of the world". In a message of sup-port to Mr Peres, John Major said London had recently suffered a bus bombing, "so I know all too well the devastation they will have caused".

Peres could pay at polls, human flesh littered the page 7; Leader comm

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#### Sketch

# Belfast's silent plea for peace



David Sharrock

was the most shambolic demonstration Belfast has seen, and for that reason one of the most affecting. The signal for the "silent scream of peace" was to have been the tolling of church bells at three o'clock, followed by 10 minutes' silence and more bells. The same would happen at the same time in other towns and cities in Ireland. England and the United States.

But the silence and the bells were swamped by the noise of a city at work and play. At 10 minutes past three a young man from the crowd outside City Hall took the initiative, climbed a plinth and called for the demonstration to start. Several thousand paper doves were held aloft and

there was quiet in the sunshine under a blue sky. A substantial pocket of Sinn Fein members thrust their own posters high: "Make peace work, negotiate now." Socialist Workers hoisted their weekly paper, Families Against Intimidation and Terror carried placards, Ul-ster Unionist Party members

mingled with pensioners, young families with new-born children and foreign students. Then Gordon Burns, a television presenter and one of the organisers, asked the people standing next to him to start chanting: "Ceasefire now! Give us back our peace." It took a while to carry but slowly, in the fashion of a Mexican wave, the slogan worked its way through the crowds

like a sigh turning into a roar. Somebody started a slow handclap which grew. A few bars of "all we are saying is give peace a chance" floated upwards to join the laughter.

Others sobbed. The Sinn Fein contingent kept their mouths shut. Jim Gibney, a member of Gerry Adams' "Falls Road thinktank" who helped build the republican movement's peace strategy which the IRA demol-

ished a fortnight ago, looked like a man with a foot in each camp. With one hand he clasped his party's poster, bu his other was attached to the end of a blue banner bearing a dove and the much simpler message: "We want peace." A lady from Belfast's

niddle-class Lisburn Road stood shoulder to shoulder with him, unaware whom she was sharing her banner with. The last 18 months have been heaven on earth," she said. "I want it back. We're all sick of the violence and the politicians."

Mr Gibney had more to say "I think it's legitimate for people to call for a cessation. Sinn Fein would like the ceasefire reinstated, but what we are saying is the most realistic way of achieving that is for the British Government to

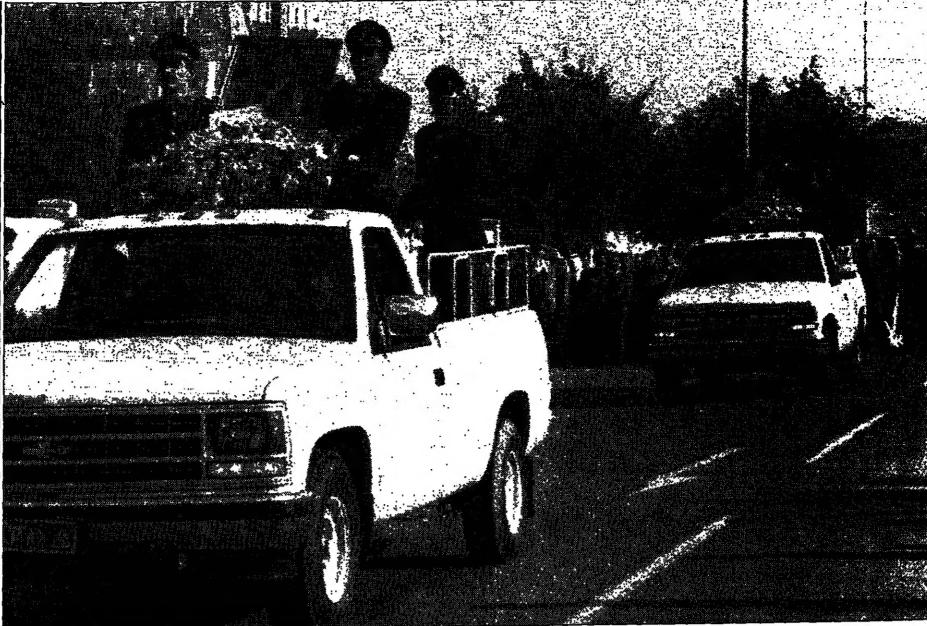
He hadn't experienced any hostility from those around him, most of whom agreed with him that now was the sensible time to talk. It was poignant the wannabe politisick of politicians, standing

Suzie and Charlie Miller had brought their children. "It's for these wee fellows that we've come," said Charlie, his two-year-old son Jonathan swinging on his back as Rob-ert and Corior, both aged four, stood politely next to him. "Jonathan was born just as we thought the Troubles had finally ended. I wouldn't want him to have to grow up with what we've seen." A few steps away Oonagh

Armstrong and her English husband Richard Dixon stood with their 15-month-old daughter Cara. Oonagh is from Belfast, and the couple came here from London when the IRA ceasefire began. "We left because we thought London was becoming too violent a place to bring up a child," Oonagh said.

"I vividly remember what it was like here in the early 1970s. I've friends who lost limbs in bombs, relatives killed. The first major bomb scare here and we're leaving.

The symphony of human sounds built to a crescendo of applause and smiles. It was over as suddenly as it began: no speeches, no collections. It all seemed so easy. If only making peace was such a piece of cake.



Family affair . . . The coffins of two members of the Majid clan killed in the attack on the "failed traitors" are carried through the streets of Baghdad at the weekend

# Iraq puts official seal on 'tribal' killings

The presence of Saddam's sons at the funeral of 'martyrs' killed in the murderous attack on the president's two sons-in-law endorsed the brutal retribution against the defectors, **David Hirst** in Beirut writes

full weight yesterday to the official version of the murder of two eturning defectors and some of their relatives, with President Saddam Hussein's two sons, Udai and Qusai, shown on television leading a state funeral for two "martyrs" who died in the administration of spontaneous "tribal justice" against the traitors. But with Arab and other governments denouncing what they saw as fresh proof of the regime's brutality, Iraqi opposition figures said President Saddam had lured his defecting henchmen home with the sole purpose of kill-

jid with his own hand. The defectors, who returned home last week after fleeing to Jordan six months ago, were married to President Saddam's daughters but Omar Ali, said that the murdent Saddam's daughters but Omar Ali, said that the murgoriations, the Iraqi dinar, a day before their deaths it der of two defectors, as well which rose from about 3,000

orced. On Friday they were killed by members of their own Majid clan — to which the president also belongs — in the course of which two what the official media portraved as beroic martyrdom. Al-Jumhuriyah newspape published the message which the Majids addressed to President Saddam concerning the defectors, telling him that "though you have pardoned their shameful deeds it was our duty to cut off the trai-

There were unconfirmed ing them. One Arab newspaper claimed he had killed Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamel al-Majid and his Saddam Kamel al-Mattyrs" who died in the affray burled. Udal and his were buried. Udai and his brother Qusal attended the fu-

tors' heads, to extirpate this treasonous branch of the fam-

neral in Tikrit.
One of President Saddam's



Hussein Kamel (left) and his brother Saddam Kamel President Saddam's former close aides and sons-in-law

as their father Kamel al-Ma | to the dollar to 500 in a jid, a third brother and other | month, is falling again, and relatives, would have "drastic repercussions within the ranks of the ruling family". Other opposition figures time being President Saddam argue for urgent action on has emerged with new

strength and self-confidence. They added, however, that he will need them to cope with sible to prevent Iraq explodhis main challenge, which is ing in a way that will affect the "food-for-oil" deal he is the entire region." he warned, neral in Tikrit.

One of President Saddam's United Nations. As a result of former companions. Salah the stalemate in New York ne-

tier with tears in his eyes— planned or personally led the "tribal" attack on the house

month, is falling again, and the price of basic foodstuffs rising.

Before leaving for London ed, saving that for the | United States, where he will Iraq, Ring Hussein said he was disgusted by the killings. "We must all do the impos-

in Baghdad where they were held. Other reports said that their uncle, former defence minister Ali Hassan al-Majid led it in a bid to expunge the stain on his clan's honour.

The London-based al-Hayat newspaper said that the 75-year-old father to be killed too, even though he held him in special esteem, was because the president had per-sonally assured the old man that they would be spared if

The assurance was repor-Syria has aims too."

Kuwaitis openly rejoiced took that suicidal decision.

over the murder of the man But other reports said this

the answer to the prayers of

widows and orphans in Ku-wait and others who lost loved ones at Hussein Ka-mel's hand," wrote the deputy editor of al-Qabas newspaper. Citing travellers arriving in

Amman from Baghdad, the London-based newspaper al-

Sharq al-Awsat reported that

President Saddam himself had interrogated the two man and then killed them. Some reports said that his elder son Udai — who had embraced

the two men at the Iraqi fron-

they deemed a war criminal because of his brutal and destructive role in the occupation of their country. "This is the psychology of his closest standing and manipulation of the psychology of his closest associates. He had studied Hussein Kamel since he worked as driver in his escort and later as a servant of his wife Sajida, later to become Lt-Gen Majid's mother-in-law.

The Iraqi ambassador to Bahrain justified the killings as a "perfectly normal affair in a country full of tribes" "The tribe which does not cleanse its honour with blood

loses all credibility."
Though horrifying, the murder of the two men is typical in the history of President Seddam's family rule.

Last year, the president asked another exile — the 70-year-old former president of the Iraqi Medical Association, Dr Raji Tikriti, who lived in Amman — to return to Bagh-dad. He was torn limb from limb in a cage of famished

does.
One can only surmise that weapons programme, was relying for his safe return home on his exceptional prominence and ties of blood and sentiment whose centre-

mother-in-law, Sajida. Yet be must have known that this would have to be a truly exceptional tie for him

Kurtág at 70

Review

# Birthday salute to master composer

Andrew Clements Games and Inscriptions:

South Bank Centre, London

HE Hungarian Gyorgy Kurtág, most private and mysterious of leading living composers, was 70 last Monday. Celebrations are planned throughout the year. fered its own well-conceived tribute in the Purcell Room and the Queen Elizabeth Hall at the weekend — two days of concerts that included two of Kurtag's masterpieces and a clutch of British premières.

The composer and his wife were scheduled to perform, but failed to make the trip from Vienna. If the enigma of Kurtag was kept intact, the concerts gave shape to his output, and a fierce awareness of

ts power and uniqueness. Kurtag's output remains small — he has just reached the magic opus number of 32, and many of those pieces have taken years to complete. He has consistently worked on a small-scale, assembling exquisitely crafted miniatures into larger schemes, whose cumulative effect is immeasurably greater than the sum tional range is far from that of think of another major composer of our time whose music contains a greater range of ex-

perience and fear. The event led off on Friday with a performance by Val-dine Anderson and Thomas Ades of Kurtag's first major prano and piano, The Sayings Of Peter Bornemisza, com-

ONE question MPs will want to pursue is the way

that were diverted to both

**David Pallister** 

**Cabinet report contradicted** 

on export of lethal weapons

want to pursue is the way the British Government granted export licences for firms that no lethal weapons

vast quantities of munitions that were diverted to both Sir Richard discovered that

ag and Iran. licences were approved even One unreported section of lafter customs officials had

Scottish company. Allivane the company in August 1987.

pleted in 1968. Saturday evening's concert began with the 1980 Messages Of The Late Miss R V Troussova, one of the milestones in post-war European music, passionately sung by Rosemary Hardy. The Troussova cycle epito-

mises Kurtág's greatness; it sets 21 aphoristic texts by the Russian Rimma Dalos in a sequence of surreally intense movements. The world of sound and gesture is utterly distinctive, the instrumental writing full of dark, clangor-ous effects, the vocal lines ver tiginously expressionist. The tribute ended with the

London première of Rückb-lick, completed two years ago. It's not really a new work, but Kurtag's recycling of tiny movements from his earlier works, shaped into an hourlong sequence. The substan-tial novelties of the weekend had come earlier with the Brit ish premières of his 1990 Double Concerto for piano and cello, and Grabstein für Ste-phan, for guitar and

orchestra. The Double Concerto suggested a new continuity in his music, with two extended movements in which the solo-ists and their attendnt ensembles arrayed around the hall. Grabstein ("Gravestone") around the auditorium, while the solo guitar remains the quiet elegiac focus of the music. There is a single terrifying climax, a spasm of vio-lence which unleashes the full force of the spatial brass, and then a quiet, transcendentally beautiful close. It's over in nine minutes; there's hardly another composer working today who could say so much in such a concentrated way.

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ing tens of millions of pounds worth of ammunition that fu-

elled the Iran-Iraq war - con-

#### not to say that they did not | matters in the past have David Hencke and Michael White

**MP** in top Tories' debt

tre of claims of a secret deal between Tory gran-dees and banks to avoid him being declared bankrupt said yesterday his financial position was under control. Roy Thomason, MP for the

Bromsgrove, whose business empire hit financial troubles during the recession, said he was under no threat of going Commenting on reports in yesterday's Sunday Times that the former Tory cabinet

minister Lord Younger had intervened with a French-owned London bank, UBC, to prevent the bank pressing a 21 million claim against the MP, Mr Thomason said: "I have no personal knowledge vatives to discuss my finan-of these meetings but that is cial arrangements. Certain

take place."
It was reported that five

major British banks had agreed to hold off from taking action against Mr Thomason for debts of £6 million owed to them until after the general election, following Lord Younger's intervention.

If they had pursued him for the money, it could have led to him being declared bank-rupt, forcing his resignation as an MP. Such a move would have threatened the Govern-ment's fragile majority. Mr Thomason was unable to comment about any such discussions. But he said: "My financial position is under control and I have no threats of hankstanter."

of bankruptcy." He added: "As far as I can recall I have never met Lord Younger and never had a meeting with senior Conser-

Mandelson's plan to get a grip on Whitehall

caused me concern in that companies I was involved with, I believe, have gone or are going into liquidation. But I ceased to be a director of them in 1992."

One former minister, who One former minister, who would not be named, told the Guardian yesterday that senior Tories have agreed to meet "all the interest payments on Mr Thomason's debts for two years" to avoid him being forced to resign.

Another Midlands Tory MP said: "I understand a refinancine deal has been done." nancing deal has been done." But Labour demanded an in-

vestigation by the new parlia-mentary commissioner. Sir Gordon Downey, charged with overseeing MPs' interests following the Nolan inquiry. Labour MP Jeff Rooker said last night. "If this is true he is receiving a pecuniary interest which is not declared in the Register of MPs' interests."

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#### about policy and how Labour would retain power for at least two terms. Both his book **Political Editor**

PETER Mandelson says today that a Labour gov-ernment should improve its grip on the Whitehall ma-chine through the creation of "super-ministries" and a strengthened political team around Tony Blair in Down-

His call for the appointment of a "non-ministerial political manager inside No 10" comes in his new book, serialised in today's Guardian. It struck some fellow-MPs as a job description for himself, as a key Blair adviser who has no im-mediate claims to high office. The MP for Hartlepool is trying to shed his image as a

ng he has constructive ideas — co-written with ex-Social Democrat Roger Liddle — and an interview yesterday with BBCI's On The Record stress the need to "build a coalition of support for what the Labour government is doing

right across the country." Mandelson gave cautious constituencies. backing to a compromise for-mula for electoral reform as part of a future Labour government's drive to win such support for a "programme of national renewal" in which Mr Blair might seek active cooperation from the Liberal Democrats. Though he was careful not

mon strands of belief between ourselves and some Liberal Democrats" — which in-stantly raised Labour backles. While rejecting pure forms of proportional representation because it encouraged extremist parties he went on to endorse the alternative vote system which allows voters to express preferences between In his TV interview Mr candidates in single-member

Mr Mandelson dismissed talk of coalitions, pacts and places for Lib Dems in a Blair cabinet as not something that "arises now" and contrasted it with "principled coopera-tion between like-minded people in Parliament and across the country".

backstage Svengali by show- to tread on shadow cabinet | Blair's new Britain, page 11

### Edward Pilkington on Denis Thatcher's dramatic transformation from golf-obsessed buffoon to renaissance man

# Dear Bill: gin-soaked halfwit was all a ruse



appeared in Private Eye on May 18, 1979, Number 10, he has been per-ceived by the general public as a juniper-sozzled, right-wing, golf-obsessed halfwit whose sole aim in life was to sneak another snifter behind the Boss's back.

But a new interpretation of Sir Denis Thatcher was yes-terday unveiled by his daugh-ter and a close friend. They say that far from being the buffoon suggested by Private Eye, he is serious, sensitive, intelligent and a man of "great depth of character".

Lest anyone find this dramatic reinterpretation from sin-spated simpleton to

gin-soaked simpleton to to swallow, Carol Thatcher and Lord Deedes, Sir Denis's old friend and golf compan-ion, provide an explanation. During 11 years as escort of the Prime Minister, Mr Thatcher played along with the "Dear Bill" image as a

"useful" ruse.
Playing the part of someone
whose marbles were not
wholly intact would deflect any criticism that as the man behind the throne he was un-duly influencing his wife's poliffical decisions

Lord Deedes, former editor of the Daily Telegraph and the "Bill" to whom Private Eye satirically had Mr Thatcher address his letters, said the ploy was agreed between him. Denis and Margaret Thatcher





Hands up  $\dots$  Denis Thatcher wielding a giant glove at a rally, and living up to his satirical image by having a smoke

avoiding the sorts of accusations that latterly have been directed at leading ladies such s Hillary Clinton. And it worked.

And it worked. "He got through 12 years of his wife as prime minister without dropping a single clanger,"

Lord Deedes said. The new characterisation of Sir Denis is officially to be launched in April when Har-perCollins publishes Carol Thatcher's biography of her father, with whom she is very close. Below the Parapet will attempt to rewrite history and cast off the Private Eye conceit that clings to him.
"Neither Carol nor I

wanted Denis to die with the Dear Bill image pinned round him," Lord Deedes told the

There are elements of the

satirical Denis that ring true. Sir Denis, First Baronet of Scotney in the County of Kent, to give his full title, is golf mad, does have a fondness for Benson & Hedges, and is not immune to the attractions of gin and tonic. He is said to have introduced himself abroad as "that wellalcoholic"

On the other hand, somebody who has made himself a millionaire several times over and sits on the boards of | true that he had happily cultinumerous companies is un-likely to be wholly devoid of nous. According to Carol Thatcher, he was Mrs Thatcher's "eyes and ears to the world".

Friends say Sir Denis is more of an old buffer than a buffoon. "He is old-fashioned and out of date," said Lord Archer. "But he has levels of courtesy and good manners that we can all learn from." The best-selling novelist, who was deputy chairman of

the Conservative Party under Mrs Thatcher and shares Sir Denis's passion for rugby. "He's a buffoon said that if the theory was very annable one."

Machiavellian political pur-poses, then "he's even cle-verer than I thought British people saw him as a happy-go-lucky man and he may well have wished them to have

that impression." For John Wells, who coauthored the Private Eye column and acted Sir Denis in the stage version, the reinter pretation is nothing but "an extremely amusing plot hatched between Carol Denis". Mr Wells's funal analysis remains unchanged:







Disgusted of Downing Street "I use the old army trick of On Canada:

Canada, dear boys, is full of

On the National Lottery:
"Totally opposed, old boy.
Another of those disgusting Continental habits."

On the Indian city of Goa, at the 1983 Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting. "This place is just too high

"It is full of Marxists." On John Major's government:

'A bunch of socialists."

leaning forward and putting my forelinger in the roof of my mouth. That way, if you

fall asleep you either wake

Lady Thatcher on Denis: "With Denis there. I was never alone. What a man. What a busband. What a

# Fury in book world as WH Smith turns the screw on publishers

Lisa Buckingham

H SMITH, the newsa-gency-to-Our Price re-cords group, has sparked fury in the publish-ing world by exercising its muscle as Britain's biggest bookseller and imposing far tougher terms of trade on its

The group is understood to be demanding much bigger discounts from publishers and to be insisting that it is allowed to buy books on a sale or return basis with an extended credit period.

A leaked internal memo from Jo Howard, the head of adult books, to branch managers says they must insist on a discount of at least 48 per cent all local books and these

must be bought only on sale or return with 60 days' credit. One small local publisher predicted the new terms would force his local history and pub guide business into bankruptcy. "This will wipe out a lot of small publishers."

"Others will be forced to increase their prices. Smith's has a virtual monopoly in our has a virtual monopoly in our business and if they had con-tacted us we could all have tried to help them improve their margins. But we simply can't cope with them doing this overnight." It is understood that

Smith's, which sells about one in every four books, has also issued new contracts to larger publishers. said one senior publisher. and it refused to discuss whether its new tactics were position to be heavy handed ment on its terms of trade a response to tougher trading

**Bookselling market** 

F M A M J J A S O N D and they are being just that."

UK book market, 1995, immover, £m Will Smith (inc. Waterstone's) Book clubs and mail order Supermarkets 25

saying they were confidential conditions following the end and it refused to discuss of the Net Book Agreement which allowed price competi-tion on books.

But a newly published sur-vey from Book Marketing

were needed to compensate for discounted prices.

Smith's, whose profits have been hit by increasing competition from supermarkets and upheaval in newspaper distribution, recently issued its second profits warning in less than a year and is hoping that book promotions will help revive its flagging core WH Smith retail chain.

New management at the group, under the former Post Office chief executive Bill Cockburn, is clearly taking a tougher line on what it regards as an unhealthily cosy relationship between its buyers and the publishers'

sales forces.
The company is understood suggests that the collapse of The company is understood weeks of the agreement failed to create to be insisting that there local books.

any extra growth in book should be no face-to-face sales. Large sales increases meetings with publishers sales representatives and an article in The Bookseller claims Smith's is planning to charge publishers £200 for the right to show their new titles to its buying team.

"This approach may look tough, but it is not shrewd." said another leading publishing executive. "Bad relation-ships with publishers will not lead to clever and sensitive stocking which is what Smith's needs to improve

A spokeswoman for Smith's denied the group was being badly hit by overstocking even though the internal memo states that some branches currently have 88 weeks of forward stock in

# Guardian targeted over military ban on gays

Angella Johnson

HE Ministry of Defence is attempting to influ-ence media reporting of an armed forces internal review document which recommends that its ban on homosexuals remain unchanged, according to a confidential report.

A media action plan, which forms part of the leaked homosexuality policy assess-ment team's report, highlights the importance of winning over publications like the Guardian in prepara-tion for the document's offcial release on March 19. It suggests that the release should be managed to give "an impression of open-mind-edness and conclusions based

on rational, practical manage ment considerations". Filming facilities for televi-sion should highlight crowded mess decks on ships geous would be a feature article published in a major

"Despite (or because of) its generally hostile editorial stance, such a piece, empha-sising the depth and breadth of the report would probably have most effect in the

Angela Mason of Stonewall, the lesbian and gay pressure group, said: "It is clear that they are trying to manipulate media and public opinion in support of a biased report.' She called for a fresh indepen dent inquiry.

Last October the Court of
Appeal rejected the case of
four homosexual service personnel who had challenged

their sacking, but recom-mended that the policy be reviewed in the light of changing social attitudes and the policies of other

countries.
The review team — com crowded mess decks on ships and other living conditions, but particularly advanta-

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Armed Forces Bill next

It has decided that "any relaxation of the existing policy is likely to have a detrimental effect on operational effectiveness". There would be "reduced cohesion and in-creased friction" if homosexuality was accepted in the armed forces, the report

But Stonewall said the findings are biased, because the Government has allowed the Ministry of Defence to act as "judge and jury" in its own

The report also suggests that the ministry had a reasonable chance of win- in this instance would be

select committee on the | British courts, but should it | lose compensation payments would be "small".

> to the European Court of Justice under the equal treat-ment directive, "we have a small chance of losing; in the event . . . compensation would

Should the case go before the European Court of accepts that losing was the most likely outcome.

"That would be in three or

four years' time and in the meantime we certainly have a respectable case which could

The Government is hoping strengthen Britain's argu-ment in Strasbourg that the current policy is necessary to protect national security:

The report also speculates that a "no open homosexuality" rule might meet the same objectives — even though it is disregarded as an option. Ms Mason called for a new

independent inquiry to look at the issues. "This one was not impartial, MoD chiefs publicly declared their determination to keep the ban at

all costs," she said.
"They sent letters through
the chain of command saying
armed forces minister Nicholas Soames had asked for evidence in support."



Atherton can scarcely bat his eyelids at the moment. There can be no other explanation: England have to be playing as badly as they are on purpose. It has to be Raymond Illingworth's masterplan.

Mike Selvey on another England collapse

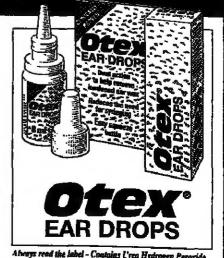
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Major and Bruton thrash out plans for summit

# **McGuinness talks** to officials again

Dayld Sharrock

INN Fein's Martin McGuinness will today hold his first meeting with govern-ment officials since the IRA ended its ceasefire a fortnight

The meeting at Stormont comes amid efforts — including an hour-long telephone Major and the Irish prime minister, John Bruton — to finalise an Anglo-Irish sum-

The two governments are close to agreement on a pack-age of proposals for reviving the peace process, including elections, a referendum and a

all-party talks.

Mr McGuinness said yesterday that the absence of "real" dialogue had caused the peace process to collapse.
"Any new process must

contain copper-fastened and unambiguous public assurances that all-party talks will be inititated by both govern-ments at the earliest possible

date," he said. His deliberate failure to mention elections in North-ern Ireland was taken as a positive sign, since Sinn Fein when senior Irish-American has until now opposed the activists informed its army

the Democratic Unionist lish the ceasefire and return leader, Ian Paisley, and taken up by the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble.

mapped out by the Simn Fein leader, Gerry Adams, or be abandoned by the US support network which has funded,

armed and stood by the

organisation throughout the past 25 years of conflict in Northern Iraland.

Tens of thousands of people demonstrated for peace on both sides of the Irish border

yesterday. Mr Bruton led a march for

peace in his home village of Dunboyne, County Meath, where he vilified the IRA for

whose membership is un-known, who are accountable

to no one, who do not stand

before the public to get ap-proval for what they do, has

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"If the IRA has depended on Irish-America for support in the past, it cannot do so any-

In another sign that nationalists might be prepared to ac-cept elections as the price of round-table talks, the Social Democratic and Labour Party leader, John Hume, indicated that his party was prepared to

take part. Mr Hume said on the BBC's Breakfast with Frost programme that he would not ob-ject to an election to deter-mine the support of each party entering talks if it was held on the same day as an He said he was confident that the IRA would restore its

where he valued the IRA for ending its ceasefire.

"We are not going to allow the agenda for this democracy to be set by the army council of the IRA," he said.

"This secret organisation, ceasefire if a date for talks was set. But on the same pro-gramme Mr Trimble said there had to be a total and absolute end to violence be-

fore this could take place. "That is what we want, and that is what we must have." he said. "Not just a ceasefire, because if there was a new ceasefire what credibility would it have? They continued violence, they twisted and turned whenever asked to make a commitment.

International pressure on the IRA mounted last week



no right to act on our behalf.
"And the people of Ireland are saying 'stop'." Some of the 10,000 protesters at Belfast city hall demanding a return to the ceasefire. In the Republic, James Bruton, the Irish prime minister, vilified the IRA PHOTOGRAPH: PAUL FATH

# Rival candidate threat hits Labour hopes

FORMER Labour MP and anti-apartheid cam-paigner is threatening to sabotage the party's hopes of winning the Exeter seat at the next election unless it drops the controversial South African-born lawyer John Lloyd as its candidate.

Mr Lloyd, who fought the seat for Labour in 1992, was reselected at a meeting in August and has strong local support in the Devon city here he is deputy leader of

But the reselection has drawn flerce criticism from some sections of the party following the disclosure that Mr Lloyd — a member of the African Resistance Movement in the 1960s — gave state evi-dence against a fellow activist, John Harris, who was

later hanged.
Peter Jackson, who represented High Peak in Derbyshire in the 1960s, has written to Tom Sawyer, Labour's genbecause of concern about events leading to Mr Harris's

In his letter, a copy of which has been obtained by the Guardian, Mr. Jackson says that unless Mr Lloyd is cleared by South Africa's Truth Commission, which is fruit Commission, which investigating crimes carried out under the apartheid regime, he will respond to the wishes of unnamed party members in Exeter "and members in Exeter stand as a Labour candidate" His threat comes as the NEC prepares to consider a report on the affair at its meeting on Wednesday. However, Mr Lloyd's supporters appear unmoved by the prospect of a rival. Den Perrin. constituency secretary and agent, said: "John is so well known in Exeter that even if he calls himself some funny Labour name I really am con-fident it is not going to make

a jot of difference." Local backing for Mr Lloyd was reaffirmed last week when the constitutency party's AGM voted heavily in eral secretary, urging the par-ty's National Executive Com-mittee to reopen selection port" for him.

# Labour to back

tion of Terrorism Act, the shadow home secretary, Jack Straw confirmed yesterday. The historic shift, allied

with a new recognition that some parts of Michael Howard's new hardline law sen tencing package deals with genuine problems, is expected to trigger a turbulent debate within the Labour Party.

are confident that it will not provoke the kind of fierce row that would have been seen over the issue three or four

week to back the shift in polon anti-terrorism legisla tion. The Commons is due to the act early next

government which first introparty has opposed its annual renewal since 1983.

Its criticism focused on the use of exclusion orders to create of system of "internal ex-ile" and powers to detain people for four days without

recourse to the courts. Mr Straw said that in fundamental review of the

was set up last year. Now we have a renewal of the bombing campaign by the IRA. We do not want any message to go out to them that they could glean any idea from our position that there could be any kind of excuse for the renewal of the bombing by them." He told the ITV Dimbleby

back the renewal of the Emergency Powers Act but ac-knowledged there may yet be criticism saying there was no a single bomber.

repeatedly used Labour's opposition to the Prevention of Terrorism Act to claim it is 'soft on law and order". Mr Straw

to defuse similar charges over There was a serious prob

lem in dealing with repeat rapists who had to be released too early because the courts had to sentence them to a

sentence for repeat rapists under which the parole board rather than the Home Secretary set the release date.

# terrorism act

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

ABOUR is to drop its 13-year opposition to the renewal of the Preven-

with the backing of Tony Blair, that he would be asking

duced the Prevention of members of the judiciary.
Terrorism Act in 1974, the There was a serious p

recent years the main differ-ence with the Government

### workings of the act.

That fundamental review

programme that the shadow cabinet had already agreed to opposition. Jeremy Corbyn, the leftwing MP for Islington North, has already voiced evidence the act had stopped

The Conservatives have

his attitude towards Mr How ard's tough sentencing pack-age which has been under repeated attack from senior

specified term.

He was attracted to a varsion of the Government's proposal for an automatic life

#### Prisons ombudsman seeks 'test of strength' talks

Alan Travis

SIR Peter Woodhead, the prisons ombudsman, will meet the Home Secretary this week amid claims he is prepared to resign over attempts to restrict his scope to investi-

gate complaints.

The Prison Service has refused to release crucial files to the former Nato deputy supreme commander in an attempt to block him investigating ministerial decisions which affect the 3,200 cate-gory A life-sentence inmates. The service is insisting his remit should only allow him to investigate complaints about "operational matters" and not "policy decisions".

A High Court judge has deunsatisfactory. The split between policy and operation was at the heart of the dispute which led to the resignation of Derek Lewis as director-

The job of prisons ombudsman was set up 18 months ago about the Prison Service as as one of the last recommentary, not the decisions dations of the Woolf inquiry of individual ministers."

A Prison Service spokes man said Wednesday's meet ing with Mr Howard would clarify Sir Peter's remit: "The original remit was to investigate complaints by prisoners

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into the 1990 Strangeways prison riots to be acted upon. The showdown meeting on Wednesday to "discuss the operation of the ombudsman's office" is expected to involve an attempt by the Michael Howard to exclude from Sir Peter's remit all grievances voiced by inmates which refer to ministerial de cisions or Civil Service ad-vice to ministers — as well as those involving life-sentence inmates. He would also be banned from demanding ac-cess to all the Civil Service paperwork in a particular

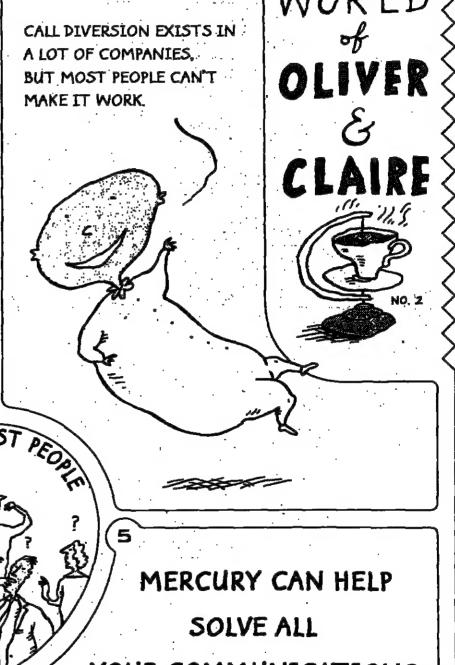
"He would only be able to look at complaints about lost property. It is an open secret in the prison service that this will be a crucial test of strength," said a Prison Ser-

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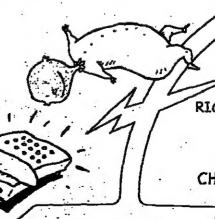
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# **Volunteers** join race to save birds

Edward Pilkington and Geoffrey Gibbs

candidate t hits ur hopes

RANTIC efforts were continuing on Lundy Island and along the Welsh coast yesterday to rescue sea birds caught up in oil from the Sea Empress amid claims that the spillage is Britain's worst marine environment disaster

Volunteers from the Devon Wildlife Trust joined staff on the National Trust owned island of Lundy to gauge the extent of the damage to bird life. There are fears that thou-sands more birds could be affected by oil further out in the Bristol Channel.

Mike Thomasson, Devon's emergency planning officer, said a report from the Department of Transport's marine pollution control unit showed the sheen of oil had retreated and now lay halfway between the island and the South Wales coastline in a wide arc from Ramsey Island to Ca-

marthen Bay. Joan Edwards, marine con-servation officer for the Devon Wildlife Trust, said the situation on Lundy — Eng-land's only statutorily protected marine nature reserve — continued to cause concern. "This now looks like the worst disaster the marine environment of this country has ever known. The scenes along the the Welsh coast at low tide amount to a holocaust for marine organisms."

The clean-up operation was intensified as the Sea Em-press continued to be pumped of its remaining cargo. The complete transfer of oil — believed to be about 55,000 is expected to last a

gler) and Jamie Devitt intervened

**Attack on Ripper** 

goes unreported

AN ATTEMPT to kill the Yorkshire Ripper, Peter Sutcliffe, in

apparent news clampdown at the top-security hospital after Friday night's attack in which inmate Paul Wilson, a convicted

thief, almost garrotted Sutcliffe. The multiple killer was saved

Thames Valley police confirmed that Broadmoor had not

Man held for Briton's murder

man, Paul Cain, on suspicion of murdering the British scientist

ar and later turned to "continental drift" theory, was found

hattered and strangled in a San Diego hotel room last December Police allege that Cain, an amateur kick boxer staying at the YMCA opposite the hotel, used his feet to batter Dr Runcorn. He

Stanley Runcorn, aged 73, of the University of Alaska. Dr Run-corn, who pioneered development of radar in the second world

POLICE in San Diego, California, have arrested a 24-year-old

reported the attack: "We are surprised we have not been asked

hen fellow murderers Kenneth Erskine (the Stockwell Stran

Broadmoor has not been reported to the police by hospital

authorities, it emerged yesterday. The move is part of an

News in brief

ary. Dakota aircraft sprayed dispersants on patches of oil in Carmarthen Bay, where up to 10,000 common scoter sea ducks were threatened.

ber of oiled birds sighted rose from 1,400 to more than 20,000. About 500 birds are being treated but it is unknown how many have died. There were also reports of several puffins and 45 grey seals having been oiled.

The Labour MP for Pembroke, Nick Ainger, accused Department of Transport (DoT) officials of ignoring expert advice which could have prevented up to 50 flot tonnes.

prevented up to 60,000 tonnes of crude oil being spilled by the Sea Empress. He claimed pilots on board the ship were consistently overruled when they pro-

mr Ainger said the pilots made their proposal on Saturday, February 17, two days after the Sea Empress ran aground at St Ann's Head at the mouth of Milford Haven estuary and before she went on the rocks for a second sino milion almost the formal second. time, spilling almost half her

there would be sufficient water under the ship to float her back out to open sea. However when the pilots made the suggestion by radio, the harbourmaster, Captain Mark Andrews, allegedly replied: "I agree with you, but

decided instead to hold the ship in position, with the result that she was exposed to gale-force winds compounded by strong tides and currents. The DoT declined to com-

posed floating the tanker. Mr Ainger said the pilots

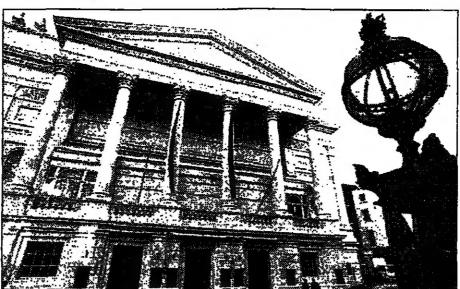
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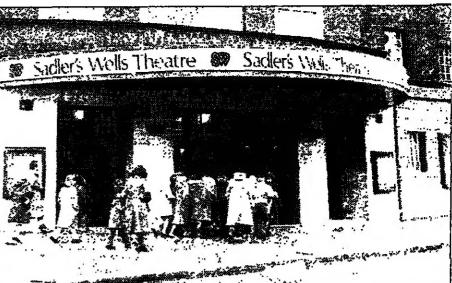
The pilots allegedly told the harbour authorities that

there is a room full of men here saying 'No'." Mr Ainger said officials had

Yesterday oil was recovered by harbour craft from three sites around the estucial inquiry.

### Think-tank warns of bleak legacy of half-built monuments to millennium celebrations





## Matching funds dearth may leave embarrassment of lottery riches

James Meikle, Mike Ellison and Maev Kennedy on fears over funding

BRITAIN could become littered with half-built monuments to the millennium and the National Lottery, culture consultants

McCann, Matthews and Millman said projects may be left unfinished as there were insufficient private or public funds to match grants paid for by the nation's weekly gamble.

The warning, in a report for the Institute of Welsh Affairs, coincided with an admission from the Arts Council for England, one of the main grant distributors, that other companies may be in the position of Sadler's Wells, the London theatre which has said it may have to forego a £30 million grant due to difficulties raising £9.5 million

partnership funding.
The Cardiff-based consultancy's report said £2.8 billion of lottery awards had been committed or applied for by the end of December, with similar partnership funding needing to be secured.

By comparison, the Associ-

ation for Business Sponsorship of the Arts estimated pri-vate sponsorship was up to £85 million a year. Many imagine where matching funds or support in kind would come from.

"Given the distributing bodies' rights to demand a return of funds should projects collapse, there is a real possibility of half-built proects being abandoned should the predicted partnership support fail to be achieved.

"An unlooked-for legacy of the lottery and millennium celebrations could be a series of building sites across the nation - bleak monuments to unrealistic ambitions."

ferent rules over partnership funding between distributing bodies, called for a frame-work that allowed maverick and inspirational visions to

be achieved while avoiding half-finished projects. The Arts Council said there were "rumbles" that other winners of lottery awards faced similar problems to Sadler's Wells. "We are aware that in the next few years it will be difficult. There has to be a finite amount of money that will go to the arts, whether it is lottery money or other funding."

Keith Cooper, director of corporate affairs at the Royal Opera House, said: "The people who give to the arts is a relatively small number. If all this new money is going to matching capital there is less revenue funding. You solve one problem by causing another."

Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate Gallery, said: "There are quite a number of arts and heritage organisations knocking on the same doors." These are doors we have all knocked on in the past."
Other distributing bodies

said they had not heard of grant applications would not problems. The lottery has succeed, but it was hard to generated £1.6 billion for "good causes", with over £1 Commission grant towards a billion already passed on in total cost of £76.5 million. But awards The National Heritage Department said the National

Audit Office and Oflot (the lottery regulator) are moni-toring the way money is used. Distributing bodies had several options if organisa-tions ran into difficulties. They could look at business plans again; they could give more time; or they could stop the project. It will be decided very much on a case-by-case basis."

The Royal Opera House (top left), shares fears akin to Sadler's Wells (top right), which may lose a £30 million grant, while

## Projects at risk in hunt for aid

grant and project cost.

The proposal for a building

on the National Trust's Wakehurst Place estate in West Sussex to preserve hundreds of thousands of plant species by collecting their seed, has won a £21 million Millennium the Kew Foundation, established by Kew Gardens to manage the project, said since the seed bank was global most

of the cost would be born internationally.
Sarah McWhirter, for the foundation, said that with the project costed in detail the appeal has to raise £7.3 million, and companies like Glaxo, British Airways and British Nature are already on board, with a public appeal to be launched on May 31.

EW Gardens: On paper the Kew Millen-The London museum in be associated with it."

Natural History Museum: vate individuals will wish to be associated with it."

on organisation and planning. "We are ahead of schedule." Ms Freeman said.

launch its public appeal, has a £6 million Heritage Lottery National Cycle Network: a wide gap to bridge between grant towards the £12 million cost of rebuilding its Earth Galleries in the old geological museum, had lined up its matching funding before the grant was made.

The largest single grant was £1 million from RTZ plc. while the Museums and Galleries Commission gave 000.000

British Museum: The museum this week hopes to hear of the success of its millennium bid for £33 million for the Great Court project to build a new hub for the museum. A spokeswoman said: "We have no doubt that we can raise the matching funding, given this unique project, and the coincidence that the nuseum will celebrate its

Sustrans, a civil engineering

charity, was among the first big millennium winners, with a £42.5 million grant over 41: years to be matched by £140 ment plans seven months ago, million in other funds. The and will receive another £23.5 combined budget should com- million from the Arts Counmile cycle network. With it meets certain conditions. more than 400 local authorities and organisations in raise the remaining £78.5 mil-partnership, it seems a flaunt-lion itself. A spokesman said ing operation. But Carol Freeman, development director, said: "If we are going slowly in one place we can speed up somewhere else." There were somewhere else." There were lery has spent two years plenty of local authorities working out where to find the wanting to join if others could

Royal Opera House: The ROH in Covent Garden was granted £55 million towards its £157-million redevelop-

The opera house has to "it's a slow and laborious

The Tate Gallery: The galmoney for its gallery of modnot or would not pay their ern art at Bankside, on the share. It would just mean south bank of the Thames. It slight change in route.

The charity's supporters that it would get £50 million and the Bicycle Association from the Millennium Com-250th birthday in the year will match the £5 million mission leaving it £56 million 2003. Corporations and pri- from the lottery being spent to find.

### **BBC World expands into Asia**

due in court this week. - Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

BBC WORLD, the 24-hour international news channel, is to expand in the Asian market after securing a new satellite system. Senior executives from the corporation will announce in India today that BBC World will be transmitted on the PAS 4 satellite in south Asia and the Middle East together with other global broadcasters, including its American rival, CNN.

The move will ensure the continued availability of BBC World in Asia following Star TV's decision to stop distributing the service on the southern beam of its satellite system from the end of March.

— Andrew Culf

#### **Drug murder suspects**

DETECTIVES hunting the killers of three drug dealers who died in a gangland execution in Essex have drawn up a short list of four

men as the principal suspects. All have criminal records for past violence and are known to be have been associates of the dealers — Anthony Tucker, aged 38, Craig Rolfe, aged 26, and Patrick Tate, aged 37 — who were shot dead on December 6 after being lured to a farm track at Rettendor for a "business meeting" with someone they trusted so much that all three went unarmed. Police say Tait, who had only been out of prison for six weeks when he was murdered, had crossed some one in an even bigger drugs operation. — Alon Watkins

### Steve Wright back on Radio 2

FORMER Radio 1 disc jockey Steve Wright is to return to the BBC with two weekend slots on Radio 2, it was announced yesterday.

The broadcaster will present a Saturday and Sunday morning show, plus a national film programme from March 30.

He joined Radio 1 in 1980 and became a cult attraction on Steve Wright in the Afternoon. He left in 1995 when his Breakfast Show slot was taken by Chris Evans. Media, G2, page 16

#### Two double rollover jackpots bring big drop in cash for charities

Andrew Culf

DOUBLE rollover National Lottery jack-pots severely dented charitable giving in December

and January, according to figures published today.

The proportion of people giving to charity fell by 13 per cent in December and by 11 per cent in January. The January figure of 64 per cent making donations was the lowest recorded by was the lowest recorded by while grants from the announced it was sponsor-the National Council for National Lottery Charities ing research on the lot-ball was 30.

Voluntary Organisations Board totalled only £248 tery's impact on charitable since the lottery was million. launched in November

Lottery ticket sales rose by 25 and 50 per cent during December and January, coinciding with two double

rollover jackpots of more than £40 million. The council has already highlighted a £91 million net loss to charities in the first year of the lottery. Income fell by £339 million,

The latest survey, con-ducted by NOP among 981 adults across Britain, found traditional fund-raising methods to be hardest hit. The proportion of respondents donating through charities' own raffles and lotteries fell from 30 to 14 per cent, and street collec-tions dropped from 29 to 21

per cent. Last year the Home Office

year period.
The NOP findings will give further ammunition to those who want to see jackpots capped. But Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, has argued that big jackpots mean more funds for the good causes. • Four ticket holders will share in this week's £8.9 million jackpot. The winning numbers were: 2, 5, 7, 24, 35, and 44. The bonus

Charity donations in decline Individual giving and Kational Lottery ticket sales 365 Estimated ticket sales (£m) Percentage donation 100

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#### Two costume dramas share 26 nominations to make the running for Bafta film honours



WO costume dramas seem headed for success at this year's Bafta film awards, after amassing 26 nomina-tions between them.

Emma Thompson's adapta-tion of Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility, which won seven Oscar nominations, secured 12 nominations from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, includ- nominated for their roles in

ing best film. Ms Thompson | the BBC1 adaptation of Jane also competes for best screen- | Austen's Pride and Prejudice. play and best actress.

The Madness of King George is in the running for 14 awards at the Baffa ceremony at the Theatre Royal in London on April 21. Nigel Hawthorne is nominated for best actor and Helen Mirren for best actress.

In the television awards. Colin Firth, Benjamin Whitrow and Jennifer Ehle are

Austern's Pride and Prejudice.

Beet film: Usual Suspects, Madness of Sing George, Serso and Sensibility Babe Korda award for outstanding British Korda award for outstanding British films Carrington, Land and Freedom, Madness of Ling George, Transporting Beet actrees Nicola Lidwing Las Vegas, Erma Thompson (s. riso and Sensibility) Boet actors Nicolas Cage (Leaung Las Vegas), Nigel Hayshorne (Madness of King George) Carrington (Jonathun Fryce, Massimo Trost ill Postino), Beet supporting actress: Jana Allon (Nizon), Mrs Sorvino Mighty Aphroditer Elizabeth Sprige, Screes and Sensibility) Kale Winslei (Sense and Sensibility)

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# **ETA stars** at Basque carnival

Adela Gooch In San Sebastian

pected to vote for a party that condones the use of violence to achieve a separate Basque state when Spain goes to the polls next Sunday. The par-

Herri Batasuna. the political wing of ETA, could get about 12 per cent of the vote in the Basque country, according to a poll published yesterday, down from 15 per-cent at the last election but

still a vociferous number.
The party had no difficulty filing San Sebastian's football stadium at the weekend with 35,000 people for a campaign raily. Lawyers, doctors and teachers at the rally saw no contradiction between a their support for an organisa-tion proposing a radical left-wing model for a future inde-

pendent Basque state.
"Violence is a repression exerted by the Spanish state and its occupying army here," said a well-dressed

'I'm a liberal professional. I'm comfortably off but I still believe in a socialist Basque she added, settling

back to enjoy the show.

The rally began with a parade of people in traditional Basque costume and ended with hooded ETA members running on to the pitch.

In between, two mounted knights rode past saluting the crowd, troops in 19th century Basque uniforms fired off a round and small children stood on the podium, where oil lamps showed Basque pris-

oners the way home.

Five masked people burned the stadium's Spanish and French flags as the crowd chanted 'long live militant ETA," and held up a huge banner with the ETA logo. Large placards bearing photographs of the 545 ETA members in jail were carried into the stadium by their families as a giant screen showed film of Franco's troops charg-ing Basque demonstrators.

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

Chirac linked to

phone bugging

It was the best choreo-graphed event of the cam-paign so far, as besits an organisation estimated to be ORE than 150,000 spending 50 million pesetas people are ex- (£274,000) a day.

The money comes from kidnap ransoms, extortion and drug trafficking, but only the best public face was on show fewer of the violent demonty's affiliated guerrilla group ETA is responsible for assas-sinating two men during the campaign and is holding two more hostage.

strations organised most weekends by young ETA sup-porters in Basque towns. "It would be bad for publicity." said one Basque journalist.

"What worries me is not so much that Herri Batasuna They are a disciplined organisation with highly motivated supporters. What worries me is that they succeed in getting a disproportinate amount of attention," said Jaime Mayor Oreja, leader in the Basque country of the conservative Popular Party, which is ex-pected to win the election. "The problem stems from

the failure of Basque demomiddle-class lifestyle and cratic forces to present a their support for an organisa- united front."

But Herri Batasuna argues otherwise. "You cannot solve a political problem with repression." said Carlos Rodriguez, a member of the party executive.

According to Karmelo Mar-tin, a member of the Basque parliament, the first step must be a referendum. But the party no longer con-

trols the extreme nationalists. ETA is in the hands of a shadowy, young radical leadership to whom the party is subservient and with whom any rapprochement is considered vir-tually impossible by democratic politicians. ETA was a small group, but was holding Basques to ran-

som, said Mr Mayor Oreja. Saturday's rally ended with symbolism. As ETA members flooded on to the pitch, they unveiled a flag of their illegal organisation and superimposing it on the Basque flag. .

• The conservative People's Party has a 10 per cent lead over the ruling Socialists, according to national polls

yesterday. They suggest the party will secure up to 42 per cent of the vote, making it likely to form a majority government, while the socialist vote slumps to



Fighting talk . . . A masked ETA man raises a clenched fist at the San Sebastian campaign rally, attended by 35,000 people

# EU blueprint likely to fan the flames of disunion

The latest attempt to propel integration is | conference until a new and, they hope, more flexible Britlikely to spark renewed angst in London, reports John Palmer in Brussels

IHE debate about Britain's role in the European Union intensifies this week when the Commission unveils a radical new blueprint for closer political integration to help the EU prepare for a future in which it will double its membership.
The European Commission wants the Maastricht treaty review conference — which begins next month — to ex-

tend majority voting, to curb the use of the national veto and to allow countries which wish to integrate faster to do In a paper which commis-sioners will adopt formally on Wednesday, the Commission says the conference may be

reform the 15-nation EU for citizens", the paper says it is essential for the EU "to respond more effectively to its internal needs and have a stronger presence in international affairs" while noting that, at present, "the union does not have the means to

achieve these ambitions". The proposals are more ambitious than expected and

are certain to provoke bitter opposition from the Prime Minister, John Major, and the Government. But they will find a sympathetic response among other EU governments, which fear that, unle there are reforms, expansion to perhaps 30 member states could lead to political

paralysis.
Conscious of a probable British government veto on any significant reforms, the Commission says "greater flexibility will be needed if the union is not to be condemned to progressing at the speed of its slowest mem-bers". This is code for allowing those countries which wish to move faster, not only towards a single currency but also a defence union or other forms of integration. It is not a formula which will appeal

to London. The refusal of the Commission and many EU governments to water down or abanden closer political union is bound to increase the gulf already separating the British government from almost everyone else over monetary union. But Britain's EU partners are ready to sit out the many all want some Western vous governments.

ish government has been

The differences of approach between Britain and the rest of the EU are further underlined by Swedish proposals to make full employment goals a part of the Maastricht treaty itself. Britain, which opted out of the Maastricht social chapter, believes the plan would encourage greater

European Union operations brought more under direct EU control. Like the larger states — in

cluding Britain — the Com-mission accepts that the votes each member state wields in the Council of Ministers should in future reflect more accurately the different national populations. Smaller EU countries may accept some change if the idea of reducing the number of commissioners from the current

The proposals are more ambitious than expected and are certain to provoke bitter opposition from the Prime Minister and the British government

international profile, the issue for Britain is the Com-Commission wants more for mission's wish to see some as-eign and security policy deci-pects of internal security and sions taken by majority vote. Unlike the French governincluding immigration and ment — which wants heads of political asylum — pass from

government to appoint a fulltime EU foreign policy supremo — the Commission would prefer to share responsibilities in this area with the rotating presidency of the Council of Ministers. However, on defence, the

Commission. France and Ger-

pects of internal security and judicial co-operation decision by national govern-

ments to the EU.
But the Commission accepts that in this area - and perhaps for some equally deli-cate questions of tax policy a special system of "super qualified majority voting" should apply to reassure ner

With the Maastricht review conference to be launched on March 29, an Austrian gov-ernment study shows a large measure of agreement on about 20 key policy issues. The British government's unqualified rejection of more majority voting, any exten-sion of the European perliament's powers or any changes to the existing national monopoly over jus-tice and foreign policy co-operation, is not shared by

But among the other 14 members, problems remain. Apart from differences be-tween the bigger and smaller member states over institutional reform, the Nordic countries remain guarded about moves to give the EU a bigger role in foreign, security and, in particular, de-fence policies. But Brusselsbesed diplomats believe a

compromise among the 14 will emerge later in the year. Much will depend on the extent to which France and Germany can hammer out a

They agree on most issues but are still apart on the future role of the European parliament, the extent to which internal security matters should be transferred to the EU and the detailed changes which should be made to foreign, security and defence policies.

### Big issues

IVE key issues will determine the Maastricht treaty review conference's success or failure:

☐ The veto: A majority of the 15 EU governments, the Commission and the European parliament insist the national veto must be eased as new members join. They want more issues decided by majority voting. Larger states also want to reallocate countries' votes in the Council of Ministers. ☐ The pillars: Maastricht set up three decision-making "pillars". Some issues are

decided under European Community procedures and laws involving the Commission and European parliament, Pillar One. But other matters including foreign and security policy. Pillar Two, and internal security and justice, Pillar Three, are decided by EU states want to see some internal security questions brought fully within EU decision-making, and majority voting extended. three pillars to merge. □ Foreign and security policy: A majority of EU states want to see greater majority voting in foreign affairs and external security, although the Nordic states have reservations and Britain is adamantly opposed. ☐ European defence: The original treaty set out the goal of not only a common European defence policy but a fully integrated defence system. There is very little agreement on whether and how this should be achieved.

There are 23 different lawmaking procedures involving the European parliament, each depending on the subject being dealt with. There is much support for reducing these to three — co-decision. consultation and information.

#### PRESIDENT Jacques Chirac was named yes-terday in a phone tapping scandal involving a lead ing lawyer and a British has represented many controversial clients, including the journalist international terror suspect known as Carlos the Jackal The revelation in the Journal du Dimanche indicates The newspaper says the secret service phone tap could that phone tapping was common practice across the politonly have been authorised by ical spectrum in the 1980s and Mr Chirac, then prime minister, or his cabinet secretary, who is now his adviser at the president, François Mitterrand, has been linked to more

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The newspaper claims to have obtained the transcript

and the prevention of terrorism and organised crime. But the revelation has

raised questions about how many other interceptions not linked to terrorist cases may have been instigated by Mr

interior minister. Charles cution thanks to a split be-tween left and right in the judiciary. Leftwing judges sonal freedom, under which cases can be brought up to 10 years after the event. Rightcases must be brought within three years.

1991 limited the practice.

Some of the recorded conversations were linked to terrorist cases or legal action against newspapers but one — during Mr Chirac's prime minister ship from 1986 to 1988 - con-

of a conversation in March 1987, between John Izbeki of the Daily Telegraph and the lawyer, Jacques Vergès, who

But a security expert said yesterday the phone tap was probably legal because the recorded conversation centred on a terrorist suspect. A July 1991 law stipulates that wiretapping may be car-ried out only in cases involving national security, the saleguarding of information essential to France's scien-tific and economic interests.

Chirac as prime minister.
The Elysée refused to comment yesterday as it became clear that even if blatantly illegal phone taps were revealed, politicians are protected from legal action by a procedural technicality. Mr Chirac, his adviser Maurice Ulrich and the then

argue that phone taps in-fringe laws protecting perwere five Copts and two Muswing lawyers say phone tap-ping is a breach of privacy legislation, under which Civil servants in Ontario start an open-ended strike today over government cuts, writes

The newspaper linked phone taps between 1967 and 1993 to socialist and rightwing prime ministers, including Michel Rocard, Edith Cresson, Pierre Beregovoy and Edouard Balladur. The bugging had been carried out before and after new laws in

newspaper Al-Ayam, at the weekend, but he escaped inists claimed responsibility for the blast. - AP. Dini's wild card The weekend decision of Italy's caretaker prime minister, | Alan Parker. - Reuter. cerned a dunner invitation.

#### Bonn tries to calm fears it will not meet the single currency criteria



Chancellor Kohl

News in brief

Copts shot

dead in Egypt

gunned down seven people in a village in southern Egypt at

the weekend in renewed vio-lence that has left 23 people

dead in the province of Assuit

The gummen opened fire in

the main market place of a Coptic Christian village near

Badari, 210 miles south of

Cairo, on Saturday. The dead

lims, police said. The gunmer

Claire Trevena in Toronto.

More than 100,000 people

staged a protest demonstration in the industrial city of Hamil-

A blast ripped through a car

owned by Nabeely al-Hamer, editor in chief of the Bahrain

jury. Anti-government activ-

escaped. — AP.

Jobs protest

ton at the weekend.

Bahrain blast

in less than two weeks.

tough financial criteria for Europe's single currency. as concern grows that their country will not qualify to launch the euro in 1999.
Chancellor Helmut Kohl
told a rally at the weekend.

preserving stability was Germany's main chai-lenge, adding: "That is why we won't make any lazy compromises on either entry criteria or the time-table for currency union."

Lamberto Dini, to form a nev

centrist political force has

thrown a wild card into the

campaign for the elections on April 21. The country already has more than 30 political parties. — Reuter.

Turtle's odyssey

A sea turtle called Rosita released in California has

turned up in Japan, a third of

the way across the world and farther than any other sea

creature has been know to

swim, according to US researchers, -- AP.

Security guards will begin

patrolling San Francisco's

Golden Gate Bridge on April 1

to help prevent people from leaping off the well-known

landmark to their deaths.

More than 1,000 people have

committed suicide in that

way since the bridge was

Star meets Menem

The pop star Madonna, criti-

cised by many Argentines for

taking the starring role in the

film of the musical Evita, about the late Eva Peron, has

finally met President Carlos

Menem at his official resi-

dence. Mr Menero, a Peronist

also met the British director

who had until now given the

opened in 1937. — AP.

Suicide patrol

GERMAN leaders insist | Reconomists and political they are sticking to both the timetable and sceptical that many European Union members will be able to meet the tough criteria for budget deficits. debt and inflation that will determine which countries launch the euro.

Even Germany, which has exhorted other EU members to get their fi-nances in order by 1997 to qualify, has acknowledged its public deficit will exceed the ceiling of 3 per cent of GDP this year.

Chris Nuttall in Ankara

N ALLIANCE between

two mainstream centre-right parties to resolve the Turkish political crisis is

back on the cards after the

collapse of coalition talks at the weekend which repre-sented the Islamic Welfare Party's best hope of power. Welfare rocked the secular

establishment two months

ago when led the polls in a general election, taking 158

seats in the new parliament.

Its leader, Necmettin Erba-kan, railed at the media, aca-

demics and politicians on Sat-

urday for blocking it in the

name of secularism.

The Bild am Sonntag newspaper reported that Germany would overshoot the target again next year. with a shortfall just above 4 per cent of GDP — up from the 3.5 per cent forecast for 1996. It cited a finance ministry

report that falling tax revenue stemming from Ger-many's economic slowdown and its plan to cut record unemployment would push the public deficit to DM150 billion (£67 billion). The finance minister.

larism, it is enmity against

The leader of the centre-right Motherland Party, Me-

sut Yilmaz, had come under tremendous pressure in the

media and even from mem-

bers of his own party not to

fare. He was accused of sell-ing the principle of the secu-lar republic, set up by Kemal

Ataturk in the 1920s, for the

"Do not bury your country.

do a coalition deal with We

religion," he said.

sake of power.

Theo Waigel, dismissed the newspaper report as "pure speculation" and insisted Bonn was sticking to the 1999 start date for the final stage of economic and monetary union (EMU). The magazine Focus said

finance ministry officials were already preparing for the event that only Luxem-burg would qualify for the single currency on time. It said they were taking the view that EMU could exist from 1999, but have no members. — Reuter.

would pay for this in the com-

The hysteria was prompted by the prospect of Mr Erba-

kan becoming the first Is-

lamic prime minister in the republic's history, as part of a deal with Mr Yilmaz in which

they would take turns in

kept separate from

ing months and years."

**Turks reject deal with Islamists** "These people say they listen to ideas, but not if they're our minister Tansu Ciller. I tices, putting in question its ten to ideas, but not if they're our minister Tansu Ciller. I tices, putting in question its ten to ideas. This is not secured to make and the country of this in the country of the countr

pean Union, and future foreign investment.
Mr Yilmaz said their coalition talks foundered on the division of ministries. Wel-fare, which has proposed an Islamic currency, common market and the end of bank interest, wanted some economic posts and the religious

affairs portfolio.

"Leaving this to a party
with such a different view of

The country has an over-whelmingly Muslim popula-tion but religion has been secularism could alter the whole governance of our your party and yourself in During the election cambar paign Mr Erbakan spoke of of a few months," said his bitter rival, the caretake prime lamic world and Muslim practices to the state, said Mr Yilmaz.

Whole governance of our state, said Mr Yilmaz.

Vehbi Koc, Turkey's richest tycoon, died yesterday aged 94.



"Spencer Tracey didn't go to any school. Brando did. then he forgot everything he learned and became a hit. All I did was just put some animation in. They thought: 'My Gawd, the kid knows what he's doing,' " Mickey Rooney on the secrets of acting

government.

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# Chameleon Pat dons a bandanna

Martin Walker in Mesa, Arizona,

finds the quick-shot rightwinger changing wardrobe to rope in the Western vote

vast array of Colt revolvers. Winches ter repeaters and all the other guns that won the West, Pat Buchanan is seeking to win it all again by playing a calcu-lated game of cowboys.

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"They are calling me an outlaw back there in Wash-ington," he told the vast crowd of firearms dealers and buyers and browsers at the Crossroads of the West Gun

Show yesterday.

"They are fixing to make you all outlaws, too, with their gun control laws. Let me tell you, Pat Buchanan's idea

QUINTING under of gun control is a steady the brim of his black stetson at the "I'm gonna be in Tomb-"I'm gonna be in Tomb-stone tomorrow, folks. Get

myself a gunslinger's outfit."
be goes on in a characteristic
shift from deadly serious to
disarming humour. "And
then we can start measuring
old Bob Dole and Steve Forbes for a couple of funer als I'm planning out on Boot нш.

The winner of the New Hampshire primary has transformed himself into the Beltway Kid for the Republican shootout out here in Western country. His tooled black leather cowboy boots are supposed to kick aside

his city slicker rivals for the Republican presidential

In his private life, Mr Buchanan is a Chardonnay-sipping cat lover with a pro-found distaste for hunting and a preference for hearing his Mass in Latin. Out here in Apache country, with the Ari-zona primary beginning to look like another surprise victory tomorrow, the Jesuit-educated wordsmith, born and raised in Washington DC.

is acting like John Wayne. He has promised to abolish the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, the agency responsible for enforcing the few gun laws. The bureau is accused by the religious right and the militia movement of the state-licensed murder of the Branch Davidian cult at Waco and the

"They got the nerve to call me an extremist. But those federal bureaucrats are the outlaws. That out-of-control Bill Clinton federal government is the extremist round here." Mr Buchanan told the cheering crowds at campaign stops all around Arizona. "I believe in the constitu-tion, the right to bear arms,

the right to govern ourselves, fought for by our brave fore-bears at Lexington and Concord 220 years ago." His Western campaign is based on the most blatant ap-peal for the support of the shadowy militia movement since the Oklahoma City

bombing last April. He has been endorsed by the Texas militia movement, and Larry Pratt of Gun Owners of America is still listed as campaign co-chairman despite his links with white supremacist

'And the moment l lift my hand to swear my oath of office as president, that New World Order will come crashing down'

"Pat's general platform is absolutely verbatim with the things we've been talking about," commented Robert Fletcher, of the Montana militia. "What he says about the New World Order and the government conspiracies and all that, it's like I wrote it for

Like a chameleon, Mr Bu-



Bible Belt he stressed religion and abortion. The man who won last week's New Hamp-shire primary by talking shire primary by talking about jobs and trade policies and wearing a dark suit has become the gun-loving liber tarian patriot who will defend American freedoms against the cosmopolitan bankers.
"Some people say, Pat, what

New World Order means the steady, slow surrender of the sovereignty and freedom for which our Founding Fathers fought and died, to the institutions of an embryonic world

"The UN is the political arm, the IMF is its Federal Reserve, the World Bank is its foreign aid arm, and the World Trade Organisation of the Gatt tells us what we have got to do in foreign trade,
"And the moment I lift my hand to swear my oath of office as president, that New World Order will come crashing down."

No other reputable US poli-tician has taken seriously these paranoid fears of the rightwing fringe, with their alleged sightings of "black helicopters" hovering over chanan has changed the is this conspiracy theory. America to spy out the way who thrust of his campaign. In the you're handing out. And let for a UN conquest spear state.

News in brief

me tell you, my friends, this | headed by Russian troops. But Mr Buchanan has warned at every campaign stop in Ar New World Order - "They will not rest till our freedoms are stubbed out."

> rallies and miners' trade union meetings he has de-manded that the federal government and the environmentalists should "take their cotton-picking hands off our private property and out of our business"

> • The publisher Steve Forbes will stay in the Republican race after spending more than \$1 million to win a barely-contested primary in the small state of Delaware on Saturday. He took 33 per cent of the vole, against 26 per cent for Bob Dole and 21 per cent for Pat Buchanan, neither of whom campaigned in the

# **Bombs** could push Israelis to opposition

HE slaughter by suicide bombers in Jerusalem and in Ashkelon yester-day has cast a huge shadow over Israel's forthcoming general election.

For the prime minister. Shimon Peres, the renewal of the Islamist militant cam-paign — after five months of relative calm — was a nightmare waiting to become ghastly reality.

Until yesterday Mr Peres was running between 15 and 20 per cent ahead of his main rival, Binyamin Netanyahu of the rightwing Likud party, which opposes the Israel-Pal-estine Liberation Organisa-

tion (PLO) peace accords.

But Mr Peres's lead is not matched by voters' party pref-erences. Most polls show his Labour party ahead of Likud, but only by a slender margin. The dichotomy could be vital to the outcome of the May 29 polls, in which for the

first time Israelis will be vot-ing directly for a prime minister, and for their party of choice in the national list system. The winner of the prime ministerial vote, irrespective of how his party fares, will be in pole position to form a co-alition from the plethora of smaller factions. Most observers attribute

the Mr Peres's lead to continued emotional support for his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, who was shot dead by a Jewish zealot last November 4. Mr Rabin is being projected

by Labour as a martyr for peace. But most Israelis know that the driving force behind the deal with the Palestinians was Mr Peres. As such, he is deeply distrusted by those on the right and in the uncertain

Yesterday Mr. Peres cut short reporters who asked him about the electoral implications of the bomb attacks in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, in which 25 people died. Asked about potential damage to his campaign, he said: "That's the last question you should have asked today."

Mr Netanyahu and other opposition leaders also insisted there should be no politicking with tragedy. But the Leader comment, page 8

main political camps know the bombers have entered the fray, and that voters will again be asking whether the price of peace is too high.

miracle cure for suicide attacks. "I know deep in my heart that on the way to win peace, we shall have to pay a heavy toll for it," he said. For the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, the Islamists

pose a more urgent challenge. He will be under pressure from Israel to use all bis intelligence and security appara-tus in the self-rule territories to smash the bombers' organi-

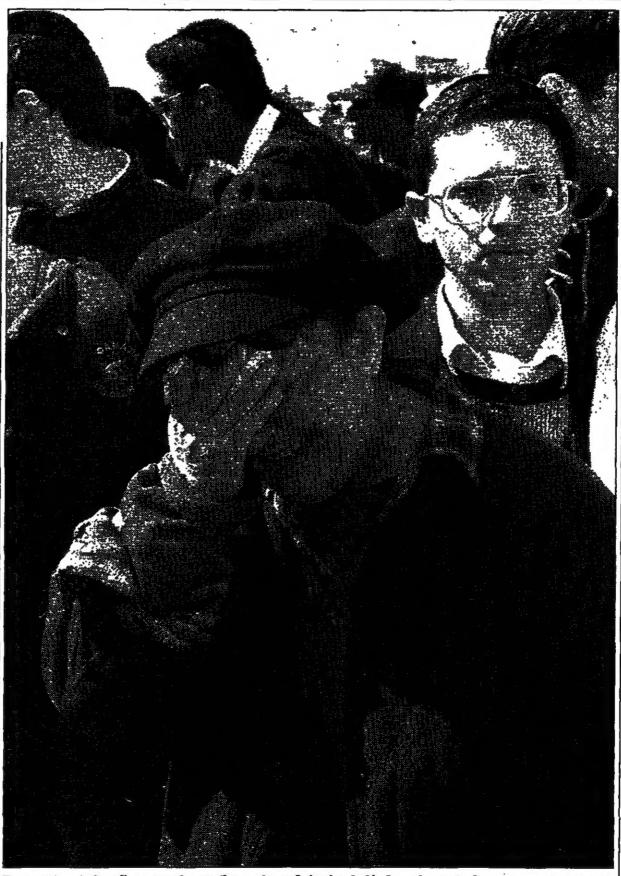
'I know deep in my heart that on the way to win peace, we shall have to pay a

heavy toll for it.

sation. If he cracks down too hard, however, he risks being accused of collaborating with Israel against militants regarded by many Palestin-lans as heroes.

For more than a year, Mr Arafat has played cat-and-mouse with the Islamists, alternately confronting and then offering co-operation to them. Most of the Hamas leadership has been arrested, though in recent weeks the mood has shifted back to reconciliation. Last week, 14 Hamas activists released from Palestinian prisons to mark the Muslim festival of Eid al-Fitr.

Since the last bus-bombing. on August 21, Mr Arafat's strategy has worked in his favour, and in Israel's interest. During the luil of violence, the PLO leader managed to neutralise the Islamist challenge in the Palestinian elections in January. and win grudging acknowled gement from Israel that he had at last imposed some order in the autonomous territories. Now he has to start the process all over again.



Torn apart . . . An Israeli woman sobs near the wreckage of a bus bombed in Jerusalem yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: BRIAN HENDLER

#### Clinton goes to UN as **Cuba downs planes** THE United States called for an emergency meeting of the

United Nations Security Council yesterday after Cuban fighters shot down two small American civilian planes flown by Cuban exiles. President Bill Clinton, who has sought a thaw in relations with Havana, demanded an immediate explanation from the Cuban authorities. He said: "I condemn this action in the strongest possible terms."

Cuba defended its action, saying they were "pirate" planes which had violated its air space despite direct warnings from

The Clinton administration has taken limited steps in relaxing the US embargo against Cuba in the past month, but Saturday's incident is likely to prompt it to halt its cautious opening. It is still trying to find out whether two Cesson light aircraft were shot down in international or Cuban airspace. A third plane evaded Cuba's MiG fighters and returned to Florida. Four people, all Miami residents of Cuban descent, are

The three Cessnas belonged to Brothers to the Rescue, a Miami-based Cuban exile group which has begun gooding Havana with flights over Cuba. The Cuban government has responded by warning that it would feel free to shoot down any

plane regarded as hostile. Several Cuban exile groups advocate direct action. Late last month US customs officials intercepted a fishing boat carrying arms and five anti-Castro protesters belonging to a paramilitary group called the United Liberation Commandos. — Mark

#### Russian troops pull back

OFFICIALS in Ingushetia said yesterday that they had reached agreement with the Russian army on its withdrawal of troops from their tiny republic, which borders breakaway Chechenia Earlier, the Russians had continued their four-day bombardmeni of the Ingush village of Arshty, where about 2,000 Chechens had taken refuge.

The Ingush president, Ruslan Aushev—a former Soviet general—said the fighting there began when Chechen rebels hiding near Arshty ambushed a Russian force trying to reach Bamut, a rebel Chechen stronghold which has been under Russian attack for months. The shelling killed four and wounded 10 civilians in

### Opposition leaders held

AT LEAST 200 people were injured in clashes and gun battles yesterday in the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka and other towns after the government detained four opposition leaders. A protest strike against the return to power of the prime minister, Begum Khaleda Zia, in a general election boycotted by the opposition, began on

Saturday, when two died and 70 were injured in clashe Those arrested on Saturday night and early yesterday were Begum Matia Chowdhury and Mohammad Nasim of the Awami League, the main opposition party, and Anwar Hossain Manju and Moudud Ahmed of the Jatiya Party, Mr Manju is editor of Ittefaq. Bangladesh's best selling newspaper. They can be held for 30 days without trial. Police also raided the homes of the Awami eaders Amir Hossain Amu, Tofayel Ahmed, Abdur Razzak and Suranjit Sengupta but could not find them, opposition source said. — Agencies. Dhako.

#### Colombian pipeline bombed

SUSPECTED members of the rebel National Liberation Army (ELN) have blown up Colombia's second-biggest oil pipeline, causing a large spill, in the north-western province of Antioquia, a local radio network reported at the weekend. It did not say how much crude oil been spilt.

The ELN, the country's second-biggest guerrilla movement.

has blown up the pipeline twice before this year in its longrunning campaign to discourage foreign investment in the oil industry. — Reuter, Bogotá.

#### Grace goes to the altar

THE flamboyant model and singer Grace Jones married a 21-year-old Turk, her former bodyguard Atila Altaunbay, in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday after taking part in the city's carnival, local newspapers reported. They said Ms Jones, reportedly married twice before, wore a white lace bustier and figure hugging white trousers for the ceremony, performed by a Presbyterian minister in a private house before about 50 guests. — Reuter, Rio de Janeiro

#### Tinnitus Problems?

If you suffer from Tinnitus and Tinnitus masking works, what experience symptoms such as other disorders are connected ringing in the ears or buzzing, hissing, whistling or other sounds, you should know about a new book; The Complete Guide to Tinnitus. This book contains the latest what causes unwanted noises. how to deal with them and how to protect yourself from frustrating Tinnitus symptoms. The book gives you facts on the latest natural and medical ing relief from unwanted ringing and irritating sounds in your ears. You will learn all

with Tinnitus and which foods can help you to hear better. Many people are putting up with irritating Tinnitus problems because they are not aware of new treatments and information on Tinnitus - the welcome relief that is available. THE COMPLETE GUIDE

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# Oil set to grease palm of Equatorial Guinea's dictator 'This president has kept all the money from turning an evil eye on the tiny African country. The government is trying to expel the chief UN repretation to the country of the chief UN repretation to the country will continue in the country will be continued in t

oil and the country will continue in misery." Chris McGreal reports from Malabo

President Teodoro Obiang Nguema's brother burst in. pointed to an unintelligible string of letters on the blackboard and read them

as subversion. He marched the mayor, Victorino Bolekia Bonay, and four other students to the police station.
. "They told us to take off

our shoes and they beat our feet with electrical cables one by one until none of us could walk." Mr Bolakia said. "They wanted me to make a statement admitting I was preparing a coup with the French and that the letters were a secret code. I told them I knew nothing concerning a

The president, however, is unrepentant "I wasn't in town that

HE mayor of Malabo sition, ought to be more careful about his moral conduct," he said. Isolated in their capital on the edge of a volcanic island linked to mainland Africa by sporadic flights

to Cameroon and an occa-sional boat to Nigeria, the government of Equatorial Gninea imagines conspiracies abound.

The mayor and his French teacher were accused of conspiring to wreck yesterday's presi-dential election — the first since independence from Spain 28 years ago. Mr Obiang is bound to win; the vote was so blatantly ma-nipulated before the polls even opened that all but one of his opponents pulled

The United Nations, the Pope, American and Soviet envoys, and Frederick Forday so I don't know what it's all about. But the mayor, in his important po-

sentative for allegedly plot-ting with the opposition. Foreigners need permission to move around

Now Mr Obiang and his clique believe there is more reason than ever for vigilance. Equatorial Guinea is about to join the ranks of the oil-rich. Within months the Amer-

ican Mobil oil company will start pumping hundreds of thousands of pounds a day into the country's empty coffers. Mobil and the regime expect the amount to rise as new wells open. "This money is going to

transform the country," Mr Objang said. "The money will go above all to the pri ority sectors, namely education. infrastructure." "We shall be the Kuwait

ister, Agustin Nse Nfumu. said. The oil revolution could indeed transform a society with so few phone lines that the 14-page directory lists subscribers by their

of Africa," the culture min-

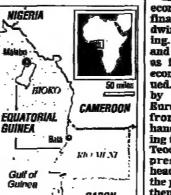
mayor, is sceptical. Like many of Mr Obiang's detractors, he fears the oil money will reinforce the privilege of a regime built around a clan originating from Mongomo, the presi dent's home town. The clan occupies two-thirds of top

and the army, and has become rich in the process. "The example is clear Equatorial Guinea is a very rich country in cocoa. This president has kept all the money and now he'll do the

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arresting and torturing people and seeing conp plots because all that money will make them even more paranoid."
The obsession with coups is neither new nor without reason. The first president

after independence, Francisco Macias Nguema, liked to be called his country's "Unique Miracle". botched coup in 1969 led to a decade of imprisonment, torture and murder of tens of thousands of real and

then defence minister. In

imagined opponents.
The terror wrecked the conomy. Production of the financial lifeblood, cocoa. dwindled almost to nothing. Nigerian workers fled and locals were rounded up as forced labour, but the economic implosion continued. Macias compensated by ransoming foreigners. Europeans were prevented from leaving until they handed over £20,000. During the decade of slaughter, Teodoro Obiang served the president, his uncle, as head of the prison next to

Still, not all outsiders are treated with hostility. With so few friends in the world, Mr Obiang has embraced Mobil as more than a source of funds. The company has become an unofficial envoy and facilitator helping to recruit a lobbyist to represent the regime in the United States. Mobil is also paying for the recently opened embassy in Washington. Mr Obiang the company's role.

sees nothing unsusual in "We haven't seen any of the oil money yet so we asked the company to fi-nance the embassy with the taxes it will pay to the treathe presidential palace, and sury. Then we discount this money from their taxes. 1979. Mactas's nephew led a he said.

disagree.
Political murders are

now rare, mainly because most of the regime's active opponents are in exile. But the most unlikely conspira-

cies, often under foreign di-

rection, are still regularly "uncovered". They are usu-

ally an excuse to round up

and torture dissenters, or

to take over someone else's

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## A vote for principle

Scott must not be shelved

CONSERVATIVES always say that they believe both in the sovereignty of parliament and in the responsibility of the individual. Yet each of these ancient principles is on the line in the Scott debate today. The report is damning about the way that both were systematically abused during the arms to Iraq affair. But the Government's conclusion is that Scott's findings do not matter sufficiently to justify even a substantive vote of the House of Commons, let alone a vote against the Conservative whip. This is an outrageous position to adopt. No one who has read the Scott report, and particularly sections D4, dealing with the Government's public statements about arms export policy, and G13, concerning the preparation of public interest immunity certificates, can honestly accept it. The Government's treatment of Parliament over Scott amounts to a political cover-up. That is why no true Conservative should support the Government when the vote is taken at 10 o'clock this evening.

The fundamental issue in the Scott Report is that the public and Parliament were misled about government policy on exports to Iraq during the 1990s. As a direct result of this policy, three men very nearly went to prison in the Matrix Churchill case. On the adjacent page, Geoffrey Robertson QC explains how this concealment, as perpetrated by the Attorney General Sir Nicholas Lyell, threatened both the cause of justice in these individual cases and undermines the more general integrity of the nation's chief law officer. Yet the concealment as applied to Parliament was even more sustained and strikes at the foundations of accountable parliamentary government.

Scott says that "the answers to parliamentary questions in both Houses of Parliament failed to inform Parliament of the state of Government policy". This failure followed "inevitably" from the decision of three ministers (of whom William Waldegrave is the only one still in office) not to publicise the change in export guidelines in 1989. The over-riding reason was "a fear of strong public opposition" and its effect on British trading interests. Mr Waldegrave is accused of making statements which were "untrue" on the basis of facts known directly to him. These are only a few of the critical comments about his conduct: others include "untrue", "not accurate", "jarring", "plainly inapposite", "sophistry", and "bound to be misleading".

The result, concludes Scott, is that the Government's statements in 1989 and 1990 about export guidelines to Iraq "consistently failed" to comply with ministerial obligations to tall the truth to Parliament. These obligations, as set out in Questions of Procedure for Ministers, stress that "each minister" is responsible to Parliament for the conduct of his department and that a minister should give Parliament, including its select committees, and the public as full information as possible. Mr Waldegrave was therefore personally responsible for the untrue and misleading statements seriously in breach of his undertakings, whether or not he did so knowingly or duplicitously.

MPs today must decide whether Scott matters or not. The essence of the Government's position is that it does not. If the Government gets through this evening, then ministers seem to believe that will be an end to the matter. Scott and his findings, charges, and all his long work will be history. It makes you wonder what MPs actually think that they are in Parliament for. If ever a party says one thing and does another, it is the Conservatives. The issue is in the hands of their backbenchers tonight. If, unlike ministers, they accept their responsibilities when it matters then the nation will acclaim them for it.

#### The terror returns

But Peres has to persevere

THE SPECIAL HORROR of the terrorists' bomb is only heightened when it shatters a period of apparent peace. The Israeli people are reeling now from the same sense of double shock which hit Britain two weeks ago. Not only was the bomb on Jaffa Road devastating in its destruction of human life, but it came after a six-month lull in Hamas activity during which there were hopes that the Islamist movement might be shifting away from the use of terror. The questions now being asked in Jerusalem are similar to those that have been asked in Britain. Was this return to violence in any degree provoked by mistaken decisions taken by the govern-ment? How will it affect the peace process? Does it indicate divisions within the terrorist movement's own ranks ... and will there be more bombs?

On the face of it the Hamas bombing merely delivered the "response" which had been threatened after the Israeli assassination of the movement's "engineer" Yahya Ayyash on January 5. The Israeli action was regrettably short-sighted, satisfying an all too familiar instinct for revenge without regard for its longer strategic effect. Yet there were still grounds for believing that the tacit Hamas truce would hold. The Cairo talks had only just failed to produce agreement on Hamas participation in the first-ever Palestinian elections. Earlier this month a Hamas spokesperson, while reiterating that the Jihad continued, said that it might be "suspended". He also stressed that Hamas operated over a wide range of non-military activities and was "not obsessed with the concept of war".

If Hamas — or a more militant element within it has now resumed operations, the motive is unlikely to have been just tit-for-tat revenge. Here the British parallel is reversed. It would not be because the peace process is lagging behind that the bombs have been planted but because it is going so fast. Whatever the flaws in the Palestinian elections, they have to a large extent validated the PLO hegemony. Shimon Peres, fortified by his personal polls since the asassination of Yitzak Rabin, has advanced the election date to May. seeking a new mandate for peace. The "final status" talks with the PLO are due to start in the same month. Only last week one respected Israeli commentator reported that a draft blueprint for these talks would allow for the creation of a Palestinian state.

Mr Peres said yesterday that he must carry on: there was the risk of terror whether or not he continued the search for peace. His task, racing against the electoral clock, is to convince the Israeli public not to be driven by anger or fear into the rejectionist camp. It will not be easy but he, and Israel, has no choice,

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Letters to the Editor

# Why Sir Nicholas Lyell is wrong

argument that the Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, was justified in the line he took regarding public interest immunity (PD). I included material to the same effect in the second supplement to my textbook, Statutory Interpretation

In his own evidence, Sir Nicholas said, citing Conway y Rimmer (1968), that, where ocuments fall into a class that has been recognised by the courts as attracting PIL the relevant minister is under a duty to refuse disclosure of not decided in that case, and such an idea was never hinted at in the five judgments of a highly distinguished court. Sir Nicholas's view turns

the principle of PII inside out. Until Conway v Rimmer the courts played little part in it. disclosing the document would damage the public interest, the courts accepted his certificate without question. Then the House of Lords reversed the position and held that, if the minister's certificate were challenged, the function of the court in pass-

N JULY 19, 1994 I gave court should decide where the ing judgment on such claims.

evidence to the Scott inpalance of public interest lay.

Lord Reid said, in words initially whether the public tailored to fit the Matrix Churchill case: "I do not doubt that

there are certain classes of documents which ought not to content may be. Virtually everyone agrees that cabinet minutes and the like ought not to be disclosed . . . the most important reason is that such disclosure would create, or fan, ill-informed or captious public or political criticism . . .
"No government could contemplate with equanimity the inner workings of the govern-ment machine being exposed criticise without adequate knowledge of the background and perhaps with some are to grind. That must ... also apply to all documents concerned with policy-making within departments, including, it may be, minutes and the like by quite junior offi-cials and correspondence with

outside bodies However, this and similar statements, do not mean that a minister is under a legal duty to claim PII in every such case: they are directed to the

interest requires a claim to be made by him or her. The question of making a claim, as op-posed to adjudicating on such a claim, is a matter of policy not law.

las said "PII cannot be waived." This may point to another source of the confusion. In Hehir v Commis sioner of Police of the Metropolis (1982) the Court of Appeal ruled that Pil aiready successfully claimed by the commis sioner could not, when it suited him, later be walved as respects one document only. This was because the court had accepted for all the documents that, on balance, the public interest was against

In R v Horseferry Road Mag istrates' Court, ex p Barnett (1994), the court cited dictum Bingham LJ in Makanjuola v Commander of Police of the Metropolis (1992) that "public any ordinary sense be waived. since, although one can waive

what was not his right, but a duty imposed on him. In so far as PII is a right enjoyed by the pecutive, there is no reason

should obviously be able to. Sir Nicholas's statement that it would be wrong for a minister to refrain from claiming PII unless so advis by the prosecution counsel is furthermore contrary to the principle established in the 1927 Campbell case, which brought down the first Labour government. This was that ministers must be kept out of the prosecution process.

why the executive cannot waive it, and in principle it

Sir Nicholas does not seem to understand that he has two Crown Prosecution Service, with supervisory responsibil-ities even extending to cases such as Matrix Churchill, he must be aloof from the Govwhether to claim Crown privilege: the other hat

Parliamentary Comeel (1973-75), 54a Nicodemou Mylona Street, Limassol 3095

#### Heroic messages from those silent, suffering, angry men

COMMONS 26:02:96

of us. February 19) for helping me to reach intellectual and emotional critical mass. After years of trying to consider feminist arguments in a bal-anced way, I now realise that there is a strand of it I can comfortably ignore alto-gether. I never did manage to purge myself of all suspicion that behind some forms of feminism lay the most self-justifying, small-minded and spiteful of motivations.

Women, I now realise, are actually much stronger than men. What's more, it seems that what evidence there is suggests that women are hap-pier as well — more optimis-tic as schoolgirls, less sui-cidal as grown men. Lordy, one would be forgiven for thinking that women actually get more from life than men. Ros Coward has pushed it just that bit too far. If women viser to the Government, he are so strong, why are they may advise ministers on still victims? Or is the truth. as I suspect, that some of them — like Ros Coward are only pretending to be vic-tims so that they can in turn

continue to couch their power-games in terms of a "struggle for equality?" Coward attacks "masculine heroism" as a redundant

HANKS to Ros Coward cisely what makes some (Search for the hero inside continue to believe to continue to believe they should listen to such ill-disguised sniping without complaint. Peter James Bristol BS6 6NR.

> POS COWARD need look bury by-pass camps I visited last weekend. There, now liable to be brought crashing by the gales, stood the last oaks amid a maelstrom of smashed trunks and branches. Forty or 50 feet up, where, as their tents and vans were trashed below, individuals would make their last stand against the

mercenaries.

All good BOP stuff. Yet, I found no conscious "risk-takmostly male) heroism." Even anger was muted. There was quiet determination to go through with it notwithstand-ing the inevitability of fines and maybe prison. There were acuity and pragmatism, prepared to play the system to its limits. As for stoicism, could you last such a winter in the corner of a field — let alone up a tree?

Out of the seemingly mar-ginalised, a potent new amai-gam of the "old" and "new" heroics is emerging. oddest feeling that one form Chris Coppock.
of such "heroism", the ability 27 Kernow Crescent, to "grin and bear it", is pre- Milton Keynes MK6 2LD.

#### **A Country Diary**

MANY years ago I was a Many igating officer on ships bringing oil into the UK. The challenge was always the tide and tidal movements: that is why we have local pilots who bring local changes to the attention of every arriving STRUMPSHAW, NORFOLK: Chinese Water Deer, an intro-At this RSPB reserve, one of duction from Asia and the the most westeriy portions of most elusive of Norfolk's five the Broads, a hide, perched high in the trees, offers proba
1950s they have built up a bly as good an opportunity as anywhere in the country for seeing one of its rarest breeding birds - bittern. I reckon a single record a year is a good personal average. So, when I spotted one of the two Strumpshaw birds, I should have been completely focused on the sighting. But it was difficult to be so singleminded. because at the moment the bird appeared, another speciality of Norfolk reedbed walked into view. It was a leer and, for a few seconds, it edged gingerly across the ice, either unsure of its footing or feeling vulnerable at being in open space in broad daylight, before disappearing back into the reeds. About the size of a large dog and with a warm sandy brown coat, it was a

strong county population, with as many as 12 being seen at a single site. Their breeding success is enhanced by the doe's capacity for multiple births and, although twins are uncommon amongst Britain's other deer, she commonly has triplets, sometimes even seven offspring. Conventionally, environmentalists disapprove of introduced species because of the threat they may pose to indigenous flora and fauna. But the Chinese Water Deer could yet present them with a nice conundrum, for if, as is suggested, the deer continues to decline in its native China. we might be forced to embrace the British population as a prectous addition to the world

MARK COCKER

As A victim in a case where a mentally-ill young man, prematurely released from hospital, attacked and killed a number of people, I was shocked by the letter from Judi Clements, of Mind (Feb-ruary 22). How can she ques-tion if there is any "danger" in the community and then say that the "danger" is really that "too much emphasis will be placed on residential care

for a few people"?

In defending those with mental-health problems. Ms Clements has denied the experience of victims of often hor-

rifying attacks. In our case, the attacks have brought us face to face with the appalling underfunding of mental health services and, since this experience, we have become a determined group of advocates for increased spend-ing on mental health. Is it not time to recognise that there is no contradiction between public safety and the best inter-ests of those with mental health problems. Do we really have to argue a victim's case against a case for people with mental health problems? Name and address supplied.



#### It's the Sun wot forgot it

before the horse. After all, were Alzheimer's the result of writing short and simple sentences rather than its cause tal health of tabloid journalists and advertising copywrit-

ers would be severe, Furthermore, as well as compensating employees for work-induced disorders such as RSI, employers would be liable for the long-term care of staff whose mental agility

EADING your article paired. Once this relationship becomes known, we might witness an efflorescence of infebruary 22) I was left wondering if the cart hadn't gone tabloid press, or even a correction to the anti-intellectual bias supposedly prevalent in English culture. Or perhaps we should all start writing in German.

Edmund Hewson. 14 Lordsmead Road, London N17 6EY.

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#### The solution to the present problem is to demand that every ship coming to the UK has UK-qualified navigating

attention of every arriving ship. No ship will ground if there is sufficient water under

officers and that "tax-haven

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36 Manor Park, Bath BA1 3RJ.

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OH DEAR. I fear that Dr Ju-lian Lewis (Letters, Febru-ary 24) may be suffering from a severe memory disorder. Not only does he dispute the details of our conversation, he also seems to have forgotten that it was he who asked me to write to your paper to correc any inaccuracies regarding our dealings with each other. Julia Hartley-Brewer. Evening Standard. 2 Derry Street, London We SEE.

# How I stopped feeling sorry for Asylum Ann

#### Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

hanging about the House of Commons for reasons which I no longer recall, it was my mis-fortune to bear Ann Widdecombe pronounce her valediction on the Asylum and Immigration Bill. I have recently been in mortal dan-ger of feeling sorry for Ms Widdecombe. For she is treated by her Tory colleagues with a condescension which would humiliate a more sensi-

I share their view that the bravura speeches which she seems to think appropriate to every parliamentary occasion make her ridiculous. But the proper response to her pretenions is the angry murmur and the disgusted scowl. Rehind her, the government backbenchers smirk in uni-

Compassion, combined with years, been four immigration contempt for the new breed of bills by one name or another. young Tory, was beginning to make me champion her cause. Then I heard her declaim one of the most deplorable cliches in the Big Book Of Parliamen-

regulations are, said Ms Widdecombe, the essential foundation of good race relations. David Waddington was the first Home Office minister I heard pronounce that particular piece of nonsense. Since then, he has become governor of Bermuda — though whether he achieved that cause of his diplomatic skills or love of the Afro-Caribbean people, I am not sure.

It was certainly not on ac-count of his intellectual pow-It was certainly not on account of his intellectual powers. For when I tried to complain that, by describing a plain that, by describing a

Each one has been more op-pressive than the one which

preceded it. All of them have been described by the sponsor-ing minister as firm and fair. tary Platitudes, a work of many volumes.

Fair and form immigration tion what they say is certainly unpatriotic and probably blasphemous. But that is not my main objection to the terrible old mantra about fair and firm immigration policies being the basis of good race rela-tions. Translated into basic English, that attempt to de-fend the indefensible means, "unless we keep most of them here will be treated badly The "those" and "them" all distant days. I have shifted a come from the New

policy as firm and fair, he did to deter Australians no less not automatically make it so, than Pakistanis. But would he looked at me as if I had she really advance the argu-announced that Isaac New ment that unless we slow ton's apple had begun on his down the influx of Queens son, as if they had all taken ligad and ended in the tree. landers, there will be riots in the union seems to survive de the attendant speeches — ing sorry lessons from Kenneth Baker. There have, during the last 10 | Earls Court Basically, it is spite embracing more liberal which create the impression | Widdecombe,

the relatives of the black and | entry policies than ours. Some | that we "cannot afford to let Asian British that she is of my Muslim constituents — them in". And if we consider thinking about.
I once had some sympathy

for the view that stringent entry control was essential to the creation of a truly multiracial society. Many years ago, I wrote in the Spectator that "integration without limitation is impossible and limitation without integration is indefensible" — and mighty proud I was of the aphorism a the time. The editor of the paper disagreed with me and wrote a leader saying so. The editor was lan MacLeod, the once and future Tory Cabinet minister. So my appedicts recominister. So my anecdote goes to show how far the Conserva tives have moved since those little myself. For I now think that MacLeod was right and I

- I do not suggest for a moment that we do not need some form of immigration control - though we accept an open-door policy for citizens of the ever-expanding European Union, and most of

of my Muslim constituents -British by birth or registration — have crossed the Chan-nel (as was their community right) to live in countries which, unlike Great Britain, allowed their wives to join them from Pakistan or

Not withstanding that, some limitation is necessary though spouses should need no qualification except the fact of marriage. But to pretend that it is all done in the name of good community rela-tions is the most hideous hypocrisy. . Good community relations

are not encouraged by the pro-motion of the idea that the entry of the one black immigrant into this country will be so damaging to the national interest that husbands must be separated from wives, chil-dren denied the chance to look after their aged parents, and

them in". And, if we cannot afford to let them in, those of them who are here already must — like their relatives, who Margaret Thatcher thought wanted "to swamp" our civilisation — be doing us harm. That is the message increasingly stringent immigration regulations.

Yet Ms Widdecombe, if we are to believe in her sincerity. does not understand the effect of what she is saying. Though, to do her intelligence justice. I have to admit that - when she got carried away by her own eloquence - she did slip in a comment about the In a comment about the Labour Party damaging itself by constant opposition to the tightening of immigration control. On that point, she may well be right — though the harm of which she spoke is electoral. is electoral. The moral self-confidence of the Opposition has been immensely improved sisters prevented from attending their brothers' weddings at least the conclusion of last It is measures like the Asylum

Thursday's debate had beneand Immigration Bill - and fits for me. It stopped me feel-



#### Paul Webster

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William Att

OST of Paris's better known meeting places could provide a real life drama for a film OST of Paris's better script. The other day I was at Chez Edgar off the Champs Elysées, one of those restaurants where Le Tout Paris roams between the main dining room and the private salons.

It was here that the last socialist prime minister, Pierre Berégovoy, cele-brated his 40th wedding an-niversary. Tempted by shady financiers, he took up a small interest-free, but not disinterested, loan. Then overwhelmed by guilt and the decadence of leftwing morals, Beregovoy, the only working class member of the socialist elite, shot himself a few months later by a

canal towpath.
There used to be a tradition in French cinema in which real life political events were turned into thinly-disguised fiction to overcome censorship, but this has gone out of fashion since Le Bou Plaisir, 13 years ago, inspired by rumours of Francois Mitter rand's illegitimate

daughter.
With Bérégovoy in mind,
Chez Edgar would have been
an appropriate venue to discuss changing cinematic
trends. I was invited by Marc Tessier, head of Centre National de la Cinématographie (CNC), the officially subsidised body that protects and finances television and film production.

As often happens when culture is discussed, conversation was sidetracked by the suspicion that I was an agent of Anglo-Saxon cultural imperialism. What was intended to be a dialogue on Franco-British coproduction limped off to a metaphorical towpath and took its own life in despair. French "specificité" or cul-tural protectionism, is one of the minor irritations of living here along with toilettes à la turque and oeufs mayonnaises. But, occasionally, even outsiders can be useful allies.

This year, foreign correpresent the first Lumière awards, a Parisian version of the US Golden Globes.
The best film was judged to be La Haine — Hate — about police and youth violence in poor suburbs, making the award as much an insight into the preoccupations of foreign reporters as a trib-ute to a low budget, black and white film. La Haine was a rare excur-

sion into cruder social issues during a year in which about 120 films were made, mostly with CNC cash input and government adreceipts, seals of official ap-proval. Whether dependence on government money has induced nervousness over politically sensitive projects is impossible to prove, but cash flow is to be stepped up even further, no tably to encourage scriptwriters. Although the prospect of the film industry becoming a sub-branch of the civil service is on the cards, it is difficult to argue neainst state aid on economic grounds. Throughout last year, home grown prod-ucts thoroughly out box-officed their US rivals and the domination continues with the top four current hits being made in France. But on a closer look

nearly all recent blockbusters are unexportable comedies exploiting domestic humour. To clarify this point, how many in-jokes can you spot in the current hit, Le Bonheur est dans le prè — Rural Bliss — in which Eric Cantona, supposedly a rugby footballer, philosophises over the digestibility of confit du canard in a Med-

iterranean accent? Cantona wasn't in the running for a Lumière, but the best actor prize went to his partner in Le Bonheur. the veteran Michel Serrault, for his role in Nelly and Mr Arnaud: a production that maintains the most durable French tradition, carefullylighted enigmatic relationships across abnormal emo-tional boundaries.
Other samples that might

be served up abroad if government plans to finance an international cultural counter-attack pays off: Adultere mode d'emploi. L'Amour conjugal, Consen-tement mutuel, Dis-moi Oui Oublie-moi, Une femme française and Haut, bas. fragile — all of them the stuff of heartbreaks, divorce and inconsolable grief with action restricted to a tearful walk between the kitchen and bedroom. .



# Paris Diary A walk on the Wilde side of Pat Buchanan

### Commentary

Mark Lawson

UST IN case Pat Buchanan becomes Presi-dent, I would like to lay down this anecdote for his biographers. In 1992, in the early stages of the New Hamp-shire primary, I was among the small group of journalists following him. As Mr Buchanan, then

thought a joke candidate, did not merit secret service protection - Indeed, did not even have Secret Squirrel protec-tion — it was easy to talk to him hetween speeches We talked mainly about literature, for the candidate, though he would dread this getting out during the election, is an educated and cultured man We spoke particularly of Oscar Wilde, one of the candidate's favourite writers; indeed his 1992 stump speech routinely included at least two Oscarisms. And yet the same address would frequently describe Aids as "na ture's retribution" against gays and pledge that the Bu-chanan adminstration would

employ only beterosexuals. I wondered if it was possible been Catholic and sheltered that he simply didn't know. So one day, in the snows of the north country. I raised the problem: surely his beloved Oscar Wilde had himself been a celebrated homosexual, indeed might qualify for the title Gore Vidal now claims for himself. of literature's "King

The presidential candidate

gave his trademark guffaw

and grasped my upper arm.
"My friend", he said. "I think
the statute of limitations is up
on Oscar Wilde." From which we conclude that it is okay to be gay as long as you have been dead for about 90 years and that Pet Buchanan is a man of contradictions. (This great advocate of protectionist economics was also at the time the driver of a German car). Being aware of his complex position on the Irish epigrammist issue, I was perhaps less surprised than other commentators by the apparent inconsistencies in the Bu-chanan platform which is currently exciting Republican primary voters: rightwing but anti-corporate, and promising to lead a "march on Washingion", a city where he has been resident for several decades and made a lucrative media

living.
The general reaction on the left to the rise of Mr Buchanan

as a serious political figure has been alarm; at his isolationist, protectionist, homophobic, possibly racist views But it seems to me that an equally proper response is and the candidate often sounds like a man familiar with German words — schoenfreude. Can there ever before have been a week in which the political right in both Britain and America

were simultaneously in such a

The Conservative Party as Peter Thurnham becomes the third sitting MP to walk out in six months — is humili-ated by departures. The Republican Party — as Bu-chanan brings it the support of militia members and other backwoods wackos — is embarrassed by arrivals. Groups which seemed, in very recent memory, to have colonised our politics for ever, now conemplate ruin. Some of the factors in this

current chaos on the right are common to both sides of the Atlantic. In both cases, a some what unlikely and thus vola-tile legislative and electoral coalition — combining rich and poor, upper and lower-class, near-fascist and liberal conservative - was held together by a charismatic election-winner: Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan In both cases, the hard-line rightwingers whom these

aders attracted to the party

have succeeded, after their departure and replacement by a dimmer spirit, in giving a influence on its direction. For the Conservatives, the disfiguring issue is Europe. For the

Republicans, it is abortion.
On the last point, the only recorded joke of President George Bush looks increasingly prescient. Although not usually a humorist, Bush is reported, after addressing a breakfast of Republicans in the early eighties, to have commented to his chief of staff, James Baker: "Hell, Jim I was the only person in that room that had only been born once." These days, each poten tial Republican nominee requires partial if not total im-mersion in the beliefs of the born-again. One of the prob-lems of General Colin Powell. still the dream candidate of moderates in the Republican Party. was always going to be his freedom-of-choice stance

N THEIR different ways. Peter Thurnham and Pat Buchanan are examples of what happens when a political party becomes — or is forced to become by doctrinal in-fighting — cavalier about its flanks.

on abortion.

A Conservative hierarchy which chose to respond to the Scott report through cynically selective quotation and an imperious attempt to hold on to criticised ministers, clearly nad little sense of the current attitude among the electorate to politicians. Much the same can be said of a Republican hierarchy which tried to fix the nomination for its veteran servant. Bob Dole, even to the extent of creating qualifying rules for the New York prinary so convoluted as virtually to prevent competition. They failed. Indeed, Pat Bu-

chanan's success has demonstrated that, though the Amer ican electorate may be as

stupid and gullible as Europe ans like to think, it is at least so in a way different from the general prejudice. It has long been a creed of political com-mentary that campaign success depends on bank balance Yet Buchanan, with a war chest of relative peanuts, easily out-scored Steve Forbes. who spent tens of millions of dollars of his own money You

can't buy power; though you can demayogue it. It's slightly odd, though, that there has been so much comment about the strange coalition of policies and voters roalescing around Buchanan. for, in the nineties, the platform of opposition candidates has generally been secondary to their political appeal. This is a period of lightning-rod politics, in which storms of electoral resentment are drawn to individuals or parties, often for short periods of time. At different times. Ross Perot, Bill Clinton, Newt Ging

rich and Pat Buchanan have been the beneficiaries of such distress. The closest you can get to doing a Buchanan under the British system is, say, to change your name by deed po-to "Sir Nicholas Lyell" and run against him in his constit-uency, but lightning-rod politics can still operate. After Scott and other horrors, Tony

Blair is likely to receive the votes of people who don't agree with all or even very much of what he represents. but who wish to rebel against their old allegiance. The chao on the right is not yet to be confused with a resurgence of the left, but there is a certain cathartic pleasure in watching them suffer.
Incidentally, I recommend to Mr Buchanan for a future

speech the following quip of Oscar's, which seems to fit Bob Dole: "He has fought a good fight and has had to face every difficulty except popularity.

## **Unlucky 13** left holding the threads



Paul Foot

ATCH out for the following Tory MPs when the division lists are published for tonight's Scott report debate: Dame Elaine Kellett Bowman (Lancaster). Tom Sackville (Bolton West). Michael Spicer (South Worcestershire). David Howell (Guildford), Sir Timothy Sainsbury (Hove), Sir Michael Crylls (North West Surrey), Phillip Oppen-heim (Amber Valley), David Curry (Skipton and Ripon). Mark Lennox-Boyd (More-cambe and Lonsdale), John Marshall (Hendon South), John Patten (Oxford West and Abingdon) Michael Forsyth (Stirling) and David Nicholson (Taunton).

They are the unlucky 13 named in the Scott report as victims of "designedly mis-leading" answers from ministers. ("Designedly mislending" is the new jargon for Lord Armstrong's more subtle "economical with the truth") and Alan Clark's more elegant "economical with the actualité"), In 1998 and 1990 the 13 were ap-proached by constituents who were outraged by the brutal dictatorship in Iraq. They wanted to know if Britain was still selling arms to the mass-murderer of the Kurds. The MPs passed the queries on to ministers and the ministers' answers were, in the sober opinion of the third most senior judge in the country, faise. The answers pretended either that British defence sales policy to Iran and Iraq was "even-handed"; or that the guidelines governing defence sales to Iraq had remained unchanged since 1965; or (in a letter to David Nicholson from William Waldegrave) that "strict guidelines were introduced in 1985 to prevent the export of military equipment to Iraq and Iran while the Gulf war was taking place". This statement, says Scott, "could not truthfully have been made". It was rubbish. As Waldegrave well knew, British firms sold hunworth of military equipment to both countries during the Iran-Irao war.

When people contact their MPs, they expect accurate replies. If the replies they get are false, the slender demo-cratic thread which connects By far the most important theme in the Scott report is confidence more than 50 years ago that "this crude and | the unlucky 13.

o-called obsolete top-heavy edious parliamentary system is our only ready weapon to defeat the legions' eagles and the lictors' axes".

Never mind the legions' eagles and the lictors' axes. Is our top-heavy tedious parliamentary system strong enough even to control the unelected corporate pigs, as Noel Gallagher so accurately describes the people who run industry, especially the arms industry? Increasingly powerful un-

elected corporations pursue their own selfish agendas while drooling to us in a language which pretends the op-posite. "Public interest immunity" means something of interest from which the pubhe must in all circumstances be kept immune.

The value of the Scott report is its sustained proof that parliament is constantly by-passed and subverted. A glorious example is the sad story of the Supergun. In 1992. the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee produced a long and unconvinc ing report. Three years later, Sir Richard goes over the same ground and produces a completely different account. This is not because the mem-bers of the TISC were dim, or Sir Richard clever. It is be cause the MPs on the Select Committee were denied the information they needed Crucial intelligence reports were "not available" to them. When they applied to hear two civil servants who knew the answers to vital ques tions, they were told the two their appearance would therefore be Armed, at last, with the evi-dence from witnesses and intelligence documents. Sir Richard can finally tell us the true story, and its awful consequences for the absurdly called intelligence services.

NOTHER example is the revelation in the report of the control of export licences at the Minis-try of Defence by "regional marketing directors" whose job, though they were all civil servants, was to flog British arms abroad. For these people, "public interest" meant the private interests of the merchants of death. Indeed, at one stage a British Aerospace executive. David Hastie was hired by the MOD as a civil servant so that he could help sell British Aero-Iraq. Scott paints a picture of a

House of Commons and Civil Service floundering in a sea of secrecy and deceit. In such circumstances, the instinctive reaction to an awkward question is designedly to mislead. The lie comes more naturally than the truth. If you want to assess how much our current bunch of Tory MPs tary democracy. Louis Mac-Neice asserted without much fully those division lists



# The day the light went out 2

The Attorney General failed in his

primary role. Knowing that justice

would not be served over Matrix

nothing. For this alone, argues

Churchill, Sir Nicholas Lyell still did

**Geoffrey Robertson**, he must go

dence to the Scott inquiry, "a lighthouse in a thunder storm". The case for his resignation as lighthouse keeper is not that he is lacking in de-cency or integrity, or that he misunderstood PH law. It is that, as the Matrix Churchill storm clouds gathered over several weeks in September 1992, he failed to tend the The facts which Scott care-

fully establishes as the basis for finding him "personally at fault" begin on 4 September, one month before the trial was due to commence, when the Attorney was told that Michael Heseltine "is un-happy about the prosecution and does not want to be party to the suppression of docu-ments which are helpful to the defendants." This was un-precedented. The Cabinet Minister responsible for the department whose rules the defendants had allegedly bro-ken was convinced that they would not be tried fairly if he certified that it was not in the public interest for the documents to be released. As the memo to the Attorney wryly noted, "the problem is that he thinks it is in the public interest for the documents in this case to be disclosed." This memo concluded, ominously.

"The prosecution may yet come to a sticky end." The Attorney's duty in such a situation is, in our unwritten constitution, absolutely clear. It is "to acquaint himself with all the relevant facts.

HE OFFICE of Attorney-General is, as Sir Nicholas Lyell reminded us on the eve of his evidence of the eve of his evidence of the prosecution to continue. This duty - enunciated by

Sir John Simon in 1925 and Sir Hartley Shawcross in 1951
— should be engraved on
every Attorney's heart. Yet
Sir Nicholas never attempted
to fulfil it. He did not acquaint himself with the facts, or even bother to read the documents. He did not look at the prosecution evidence. He did not consult with Mr Heseltine, or (and Scott finds this "astonishing") answer his anxious letter. He did not seek advice from other lawyers.

At his one meeting with the prosecution counsel on 10 September he did not mention that the President of the Board of Trade actually wanted the documents to be disclosed. This failure resulted in the Court being told, incorrectly. that Heseltine's attitude to dis closure was no different from that of Rifkind, Clark and Garel-Jones, who all argued

strenuously against it. Sir Nicholas did not ac-quaint himself with the most extraordinary fact of the case. namely that the main defen-dant, Paul Henderson, had risked his life as an MI6 agent and hence that one conse quence of prosecuting him would be to damage MI6 recruitment. In short, he never applied his mind, judicial or otherwise, to the facts of the case or to the public interest considerations at stake: he abdicated his office. Scott concludes that the "major responsibility" for

misleading the Court over He-seltine's position must be borne by the Attorney-Gen-eral. It had come about by oversight rather than design, but was just one consequence of the Attorney's failure to do his duty. Another was his fail-ure to take seriously Heseltine's concern about injustice or to recognise the grave constitutional implications of "suppressing documents help-ful to defendants" — at a trial in which, unprecedently, two former ministers would ap-pear as witnesses for the

This is, after all, the Attornev-General's most important constitutional role: to guard the public interest by acting so as to prevent apprehended miscarriages of justice. It would be better done, as in many counties, by an Attor-ney recruited from the judiciary or the senior Bar, rathe than by a party politician. The only point, in fact, of having a "QC, MP" as an Attorney is that he can be held directly responsible in Parliament.

But Sir Nicholas refuses to | His fault, too, was failure to take responsibility. "The no-tion that I should have been personally involved in vetting the brief is really not realis-tic." he told Parliament last week, unattractively shifting the blame to lawyers in the treasury solicitors department. But this is not Scott's notion. Lyell is not at fault for failure to "vet the brief". he is found at fault for failing to take firm (or any) action after being told, authoritatively, of the likelihood that justice would not be done in an im-

portant trial.

The "spin" now being put on Scott's clear finding of personal fault is that it is based on criticism of Lyell's legal opinion about PII certificates. This is false. Lyell is found at fault not for being a poor lawyer, but for being a poor Attorney-General

In 1934, the first Labour Attorney-General, Patrick Hastings, made a thorough mess of proceedings — first brought, then dropped — author of Freedom. The against the Workers' Weekly. Individual And The Law.

(This time the "not"

again followed by a break in

the main clause and by a

do his duty attentively. FE Smith (Lord Birkenhead) accused Hastings of "a disagreeable and unedifying performance" by which he had been guilty of departing from the high reputation of the office of Attorney-General. As a result, the govern ment fell. The opposition lacks an FE

Smith to tell this Attorney-General it is time to go, because he failed to tend the light, and men were in peril in the darkness. They survived, of course, but only after a six-week ordeal they should not have suffered. If he fails now to accept the responsibility Scott imputes to him office of Attorney-General by failing to resign than he did. in September 1992, by failing to act.

Geoffrey Robertson QC defended Paul Henderson at the Matrix Churchill trial. He is the

even the last two leave

scope for misinterpretation
The result is that no one is

fairly served by this report:

Sir Richard's prolix prose is

decimated by the headline writer, the Government

receives a report which is

too long to read and which despite Sir Richard's bal-

anced style, is not perceived

as coming down squarely on either side. The Opposition

is given the quarry it seeks

for demonstrations of righ-

teous indignation, and the

public is bamboozled by the

rhetoric and the arguments

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Richard might say, in the ante.

### John Simpson on the fudging of language in Scott | mislead Parliament or the | vincing", "inadequate". But | public."

### Clear as mud

Scomplained, perhaps naively, that his considered report has been subject to bowdlerization and turned into soundbites. English is a flexible language, but many people would not know where to turn when confronted with a sentence such as this: "I accept that Mr Walde-grave and the other adher-ents of the 'interpretation' thesis did not, in putting

forward the thesis. have

any duplicitous intention

OR Richard Scott has or implementation, of guideline 3 as being a justi-flable use of the flexibility believed to be inherent in the guidelines." To clarify. he adds: "But

that that was so underlines, to my mind, the duplicitous nature of the flexibility claimed for the guidelines. One can almost hear Cicero and Dr Johnson ap-plauding this breathtaking rhetoric. The passage is Latmate in its structure and

vocabulary.

Abstract nouns raise the and, at the time, regarded level of discourse into the substance of the obligation from the argument: "misting on ministers not to leading", "untrue", "uncon-

and the sly negative, after which the flow of the main clause is immediately bro-ken, throws the reader into temporary panic. "Duplici-tous" is weaselly: it sounds stock-legal, but dates from the late-19th century in American law, adopting its modern "two-faced, doubledealing" connotations in the 1950s. Robin Cook must have been left reeling from his lesson in semantics.

Sir Richard is aware of the significance of tive Parliament was de-grammatical description: signedly led to believe The qualification of 'mislead by the addition of the adverb 'knowingly' does not, in my mind, make any material difference to the

sweep to a personal, and rather syntactically-unexpected interjection "in my mind" — is only the over-ture to another "not" towards the end of the sentence. entence.) "Designedly" is another favourite. "As a consequence of this decision, answers given by ministers to parliamentary questions are designedly uniforma-

(etc)." "Designedly" should imply intention, but somehow it seems to muddy the sentence. The truth-words stand out

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Niall MacDermot

# **Victim** vetting

Labour minister in the 1984-70 he was wonderful".
Wilson governments, whose MacDermot attained the Wilson governments, whose promised Cabinet post was withdrawn in one of the most unen at the height of their witchfinding days, secretly pronounced him to be a security risk because of his enduring love for Ludmilla Bornalis and behind Allied lines. MacDermot, who had been a Treasury minister and was

due to be promoted to become one of Wilson's law officers, resigned from politics in disgust. He moved to Switzerland to became Secretary-General of the International control of the Internat Commission of Jurists, a post he held for the rest of his professional life. He maintained silence for 20 years, before the facts came out about Harold Wilson's cowardice in the face of the security services.

The first of several dramas

in MacDermot's life came when he was tried for manslaughter immediately before the outbreak of war in 1939. The son of a Dublin barrister, after Rugby school and Corpus Christi, Cambridge. MacDermot became a mem-ber of the "New Britain" group, an off-beat syndicalist organisation influenced by the ideas of a Yugoslav philos-opher, Dimitrij Mitrinovic. In a bizarre accident he struck a friend in the group during a quarrel, who had a hitherto inknown heart condition and died. The trial was a formal-ity and MacDermot was ac-

As an MI5 officer in the war. MacDermot was intro-

IALL MacDermot. made by Dick White, later to become a post-war head of Mi6, and as MacDermot was wryly to recall: "White was thrilled by Philby. He thought

withdrawn in one of the most was awarded the OBE in 1944 unpleasant miscarriages of for taking charge of counter ining love for Ludmilla Benven-uto, a half-Russlan woman he Heinrich Himmler were distributed among the counter-in-telligence team. MacDermot brought home Himmler's spec-

> Benvenuto, a UN translator, in England temporarily to learn the language. MacDermot refused to end his wartime marriage to Violet Maxwell until his young son had
> grown up and left school. It
> was 1966 before he re-married. In the meantime MacDermot went into politics. He won Lewisham North at a byelection in 1957, but lost the seat in the 1959 general elec-tion. He returned to Parlia-ment in 1962 after taking byelection. As a back-bencher MacDermot was one of the few intelligence insiders pre-pared publicly to press a rat-tled Harold Macmillan in the Commons when Philby de-fected in 1963. MacDermot knew Philby was no mere Foreign Office official but a very senior MI6 man. It can-not have helped MacDermot's popularity with the secret

services. When Wilson won in 1964 he made MacDermot Finanvice's rising stars. Kim cial Secretary to the Trea-Philby. The introduction was sury. The barrister, who had



Niall MacDermot . . . a political career cut short after MI5's 'security risk' ruling

recently attracted attention as one of the prosecuting council in the Great Train Robbery trial, was a right of centre associate of then Home Secretary, James Callaghan. But three years later, in the wake of MacDermot's re-marriage, MI5 intervened. The names of Labour ministers due for promotion were sub-mitted by Wilson to Martin Furnival-Jones, then head of MIS, for "negative vetting" a search of the intelligence files on them and their associates. Several Labour politicians fell foul of the prejudice and error in the records of the security service". Wilson had previously indi-

cated to MacDermot that he would be promoted to Solicitor-General; instead he was struck off the list of attendees at a Cabinet sub-committee on defence. He was trans-ferred to a less "sensitive" junior minister's post at

long interrogation by an MI5 officer, Patrick Stewart, who MacDermot had known at Rugby. They co-operated in what they believed would be a formality. Instead, an embar-rassed Wilson told MacDer-mot the security men declared themselves "not satisfied" with his wife's explanations. The couple were denied either representation or appeal against this secret 'verdict'', at a time when MI5

What was particularly unfair was that Ludmilla and her Italian mother were ejected from the Soviet Union in 1938 as "foreigners". Her Russian father was sent to the Gulag. An unwelcome stranger in Mussolini's Italy, Ludmilla had risked her life

and MI6 were treated with

Housing, helping Richard in the anti-fascist resistance.
Crossman pass the Town And
Country Planning Act. Ludmilla had to submit to a weekling film distribution. In the hope of being allowed to return to the Soviet Union. But when she discovered her father and all her known rela-tives had died there, she went MacDermot resigned from government in 1968, citing "personal reasons". He was made a trustee of the Tate later and became honourable

treasurer of Justice, the law reform group (1968-1970). He resigned his seat in 1970 and moved to Geneva. In 1988 he acknowledged that he had been the victim of blacklist-ing by the security services.

David Leigh

# Rooting for jazz in a cool climate

are often perfunctory affairs it might be part of jazz mythology that players fall out of cabs just as the engineers are starting to look at their watches, circulate a handful of tunes written on the backs of envelopes. cut the disc in hours rather than weeks, and head for the next gig. But jazz economics have frequently made those circumstances close to the

So jazz producers have been campaigners rooting for jazz in inhospitable climates, as often as they have been creative partners with players. Bob Thiele, who has died aged 73, was one of the most respected and balluential of jazz record producers who worked in such conditions."

Since jazz was largely out of fashion during the critical part of his career, Thiele Archie Shepp. But he was a jazz lover all his life.

Thiele was an amateur clar-inettist and early enthusiasm propelled him towards deejay-ing on mid-thirties jazz shows, while simultaneously running a 14-piece functions band He edited Jazz Maga-zine between 1939 and 1941, then owned and ran Signature Records until 1946 recording celebrities like Coleman Hawkins, Lester

Lawrence and Eydie Gorme. He also recorded Richochet and Jilted, early hits of Teresa Brewer (whom he married in 1972). But he was starting to reveal a streak of enthusiasm for subcultural activities. When Thiele made an album of Jack Kerouac reading his poems for Dot Records the company banned it as obscene; he quit and

started a Hanover-Signature to ensure Kerouac's delibera-

tions made it to the streets.
In 1961 Thiele joined ABC subsidiary impulse Records, a and his most innovative work followed, significantly as a result of a profound belief in John Coltrane's genius. Over those eight years Thiele also worked with Coleman Haw-kins, Oliver Nelson, Earl Hines, Albert Ayler, Alice Coltrane, Count Basie, Archie Shepp, Charles Mingus and Charlie Haden's Liberation

pher Valerie Wilmer has written that "Coltrane .. was for-tunate to have such an exceptional relationship with Bob Thiele . . that he was able to go into the studio when-ever the mood took him. Thiele's messianic promotion of Coltrane made it possible for the minutiae of the saxophonist's work to be documented with a thoroughness rare in jazz. Coltrane made 17 albums for Impulse with Thiele — doubling the con-tracted allocation — includ-ing revolutionary orchestral projects such as Africa Brass (an influence on many adventurous larger jazz groups since) and the big-selling A Love Supreme — a mantra-like saxophone suite over worked on pop hits as well as on some of the most adventure our recordings by John Coltrane, Albert Ayler and Archie Shepp. But he was a last together for a memorable contract. sion, shrewdly intervening to rescue the best takes when Coltrane's perfectionism would have driven him to rerecord forever. Thiele took care to ensure that the packaging and presentation of the albums paid due respect to

Coltrane was entitled to.
Thiele fixed it so that he would record Coltrane in studio down-time at night, then dare his bosses to dump Young, Don Byas, Erroll Garner and Pee Wee Russell.

After Signature went bust,
Thiele joined Decca-Coral in
1952, working later with
Buddy Holly, Jackie Wilson,
the Crickets, Pat Boone, the
Mills Brothers and Stave producer also acted on many of Coltrane's recommenda-tions to book promising musi-cians he had heard, which resulted in deals for Albert Ayler, Archie Shepp and

the major-artist status be felt

AZZ recording sessions ings with BB King, T-Bone with Shepp and others, but are often perfunctory Walker and John Lee Hooker affairs. It might be part for ABC's Blues Way label. bly caused tensions. When the part of the pa players protested of exploitation by a white record label. Thiele would sometimes say. "then record for Motown".
But he told Wilmer: "I do it because I believe in it, but after the record is made and it doesn't sell - because I don't have the resources to promote it and advertise it the way it possibly should be — filen ... the musician immediately turns round and says, 'Well, this guy ripped me off. That's my side of it, yet I do understand how they figure it out.

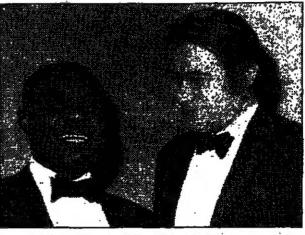
Thiele felt that the productive is a many that the productive is a

er's job was to act as a catalyst and even a therapist confessor at times — a role he crucially performed with John Coltrane, an obsessive who could spiral into despair in pursuit of the elusively sublime music he could hear in his head. He was also conin his head. He was also con-vinced that new jazz, properly marketed, could be far less marginalised than it was -- a turn of events he lived to see. In pursuit of that end after he left Impulse in 1969, Thiele

formed Flying Dutchman Re-cords in the Impulse mould. recording both mainstream and avant-garde stars, and in between managed to write the Louis Armstrong hit What A Wonderful World. Some of the cult hits of the 1980s and 1990s dance-jazz scene were cut for Flying Dutchman, notably pieces by Pharoah Sanders.
More recently, Thiele worked
on reissue programmes for
Impulse, CBS and RCA in the
1980s, and recorded pianists McCoy Tyner and John Hicks, and saxophonists David Murray and Arthur Blythe for his own Red Baron

John Fordham

Bob Thiele, record producer, born July 27, 1922; died Febru-



superb blues and R&B record- | Wonderful world . . . Thiele with Louis Armsrong in 1970

#### **Peter Pooley**

# Echoes of empire on the airwaves

the news magazine programme first broadcast on July 8, 1940. Fifty years later, re-broadcast by some 60 radio stations in 25 different new techniques, such as incountries. Its signature tune, the march imperial Echoes by Eric Coates, had by then become inseparably associated with the programme for mil-

news and comment in a manner which would associate To achieve this RNR used troducing recorded inserts, collecting comments from war correspondents and presenting them in a lively manner.

RNR was part of the BBC came a faceless citadel, dark

was broadcast from Bush House. It then moved to Evefact and immediacy with the sham and later, when the human and dramatic element. Blitz was at its height, the entire Overseas Service moved into a large building in Oxford Street, formerly part of the Peter Robinson department store.

When converted to the BBC specification, the building be-

ETER Pooley, who has died aged 84, was the founder and first editor of Radio Newsreel, gramme which would convey the first the programme of the first the pr give added protection to the area below. Radio Newsreel was based on the second floor. Pooley had a large office usually crowded with people producers, reporters, speak-ers, war correspondents — who came in and out of the office and other rooms as each programme was being assembled.

Pooley was a tall, fairhaired man, usually dressed in light clothes, who seemed always to be in a good mood. He spoke slowly, gently, but his voice had the confidence of knowledge and experience. As well as editor he was an excellent producer with an uncanny grasp of political de-velopments and of constantly changing war situations. His charm, sense of humour and great capacity for work endeared him to staff and outside contributors. RNR was always a happy unit to work

Pooley was educated at Gresham's Holt, which had also been Lord Reith's old school. From there he won a Graves scholarship to University College, Oxford to read Modern Greats. He was set on a diplomatic career but failed to get the position he wanted in the Foreign Office. He went abroad for a year and when he returned applied for a job 5. 1996

ilisers for snacks. It is impor-tant not to underestimate the

pointed Empire announcer. However his highly suc-cessful editorship came abruptly to an end in 1947. A new news editor was ap-pointed, who would also take control of Radio Newsreel. The new editor was Tahu Hole, a neurotic and sadistic personality and Pooley knew that under his dictator-ship, Radio Newsreel would gradually wither away and die of neglect.

He resigned from the BBC in 1947, without any job in the offing. After a period of badly needed rest, he joined John Grierson's Crown Film Unit and later was seconded to the Marshall Aid office in Paris to film the implementation of the Marshall Plan. Then in 1951 he joined the Nato Infor-mation Service, first in Lon-don and later in Paris and be-came its Assistant Director of Information. When de Gaulle threw Nato out of France, his headquarters moved to Brus-sels. After retirement in 1977 Pooley lived near Fontaine-bleau, with his second wife Vera, who had also worked in

George Angelogiou

Letter

Moss Evans, former general | lorry drivers' claim. The dissecretary of the TGWU writes:

There are those, including former Chancellor Denis Heaparticularly the Chancellor's ley." says Geoffrey Goodman in his obituary of the TGWU's Harry Urwin (February 22) who believe that had Urwin rather than myself taken over as TGWU general secretary, then "the Winter of Discon-tent", which "brought down the Callaghan government and has left the Labour Party in opposition to this day could have been prevented. take strong exception to the obituary being used to denigrate not only myself but my colleagues in suggesting we were responsible for subse-quent Labour defeats. The guilty parties are the Labour Cabinet members of the time and the rigidity of Healey's pay policy. The Winter of Dis-content was preceded by the road haulage dispute, before which Harry was amongst the group, led by me, invited by the Prime Minister to meet him. Harry tried, fruitlessly, to persuade Callaghan and Healey of the justice of the

completely unfounded statement that all the country's shops would have empty shelves in a matter of days. Soon after the dispute started the Road Haulage Employers Association nationally made an offer similar to that being offered by the north eastern region RHA. Harry and I agreed we would accept such an offer. Bill Rod gers, transport minister, sup-ported by Healey and Callaghan, threatened sanctions against the RHA if they

strike was finally settled after independent arbitration settled above the original settled above the original RHA offer.

At a meeting of historians, chaired by Robert Taylor, former Observer industrial editor, Bill Rodgers at least had the decency to admit to his part in the pressure these Cabinet members brought to bear on the RHA.

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settled on their offer, which the RHA then withdrew. The

#### Birthdays

Peter Carter-Ruck, solicitor: 82; Johnny Cash, singer, 64: Antoine "Fats" Domino, rock 'n' roller, 68: David Edgar, playwright, 46: Stuart Etherington, chief executive. National Council for Voluntary Organisations, 41; Betty Hutton, film actress, 75; Emma Kirkby, soprano, 47; Prof Noreen Murray, molecular biologist. 61; "Flip" Phillips, saxophonist, 81; Dr Diana Walford, director, Public Health Laboratory Service. 52; Everton Weekes. cricketer, 71.

#### **Death Notices**

BARKER, Katherthe Viciot, Suddenly home on 21st February aged 96 ve. Leved and admired by her tamit, integer and ex pupils of Sate High School Fun. Service at Chettenham Crematorium on day 1st March at 1200 noon Family, fire only, constituents if desired to White Combe Hospial League of Friends.

#### Jackdaw



#### Flesh eaters

THE BIBLE is a meat-eater's manifesto, Before the Fall. Adam and Eve were vegetarian. They fed on grains, nuts and fruits, Then Eve ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil — or at least that's the way Adam ex-plained it to God. They were cast forth from the Garden. plunging mankind into original sin from which redemp tion can come only through the grace of Christ. whose flesh is eaten periodically in the form of the Eucharist. Hardly were Adam and Eve out of Eden before God was

sheep and withholding "respect" from Cain the tiller of the ground. Next thing we know. Cain rose up against his brother Abel, slew him and we were on our way. Ringing in Man's ears was the Almighty's edict. as reported in Genesis 1:26-28: "Let us make Man in our mage, after our likeness; and let them have dominion . . . over all the earth, and over

On the record . . . Peter Pooley with visitors to the Radio Newsreel studio in 1944

every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth ... Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it." Thus did the biblical God launch humans on the exploitation of the rest of the natural world, theirs for the Alexander Cockburn opens his

"Short, Meat-Oriented History of the World From Eden to the Mattole, in the New Left

#### Flesh cutter

LIFT. SLASH. Grab. Sever. Heave. Soueeze. Slice. Rinse: Repeat. I am working at a speed that I would have to offering "respect" to the flesh characterise as furious, meat off the carcasses and sacrifice of Abel the keeper of thrashing in a milieu of flying boil them up in the knife ster-

puke. liquid cow pie, mucus, and blood, with a six-inch blade in my hand. Giant piles of guts move toward me on he steel conveyor belt. My. job is to isolate the small intestine from this mess. I slash through a sheet of fat to find the point — tied off in two knots with twine — where the stomach turns into the duodenum. I sever the tube between the knots and yank the intestine onto a side table. Then I squeeze its green contents toward the butt end and amputate the colon. If I have a few seconds to spare, I will run my gloves under hot water in the sink behind me and swing around to catch the next intestine before it slides away from me down the reject chute . . . As miserable as the work

is, the spirit on the kill floor is far from joyless. Spontaneous rounds of whooping can erupt at any time, with no obvious provocation, as bundreds of crazed, caged animals start banging their knives. Some engage in protracted hose battles. Other slice pieces of

importance of meat throwing in this equation. On our first day of training, we were specifically instructed that meat throwing is not allowed. But it didn't take long to see that not only is it allowed, it is the most exalted form of expression in the plant. Everyone, including the foremen and the USDA guys, takes turns winging chunks at one another: strips of fat, heart valves, slabs of bad liver all make excellent projectiles. The spleen guy and the guy who cuts the valves out of the heart have an ongoing feud, splattering each other across the face with assorted bits. Larry Gallagher covers up and goes undercover to take a job in the meat packing trade for the

#### Cough, cough

American magazine Details

B&H: Working class fags these. Never called Benson and Hedges. As favoured by all good honest all-rightthere guy nor type peope. No pretence here, football supporters and us sad bastards

with dead end factory jobs smoke these. Vending machines in pubs and clubs have more columns of B&H than any other ciggie. The good things about these smokes is that you get "yel-low finger" quite quickly which is a must if you want to hang around the bookies all day, or if you're a student and want to look poor. Bloody orrible glam rock packet

Silk Cut: pregnant women, people coming off B&H, and first time smokers smoke these. Like smoking fresh air cos there's bleedin' holes in the filter aren't there? Verymild their sole purpose

seems to be for preparing clonking great recters with ... the packet is not very good, an all round wimpish ciegie this.

Marlboro: As smoked by stu-dents and people who think they are cool and arty. The packet is smart but the infamous KKK link is a bit offputting. Why do people who smoke these reckon they are the dogs' bollocks? OK if

you're a cowboy but other-wise they look très pretentious. Still, they do give you a husky voice like Rod Stewart So lads, if you want to sound really sery, smoke these and you'll get the girl of your

Roll-ups: Who smokes these any more? Old Eric at work, dustmen and first world war soldiers, that's who. Old Holborn and Golden Virginia are the most popular, it does look



quite arty with your papers and baccy pouch, but the bug-gers keep going out, don't they? Poxy things. One of the advantages of rolling your own is that you can roll big fat ones or those thin three-grains-of-baccy-cos-I've-just-been-inside-where-baccy-iscurrency type fags . . . Good tokes if you want to be different or stingy. Roll-ups remind me of a bygone age of Gran-dads in corduroy slippers, Big Match on Sunday afternoons

and burning ants in the gar-den with a magnifying glass. Jane investigates the causes of nostalgia and bad breath in its special "How to snog a pop

#### Illogical 1. Are Worf's religious prac-

tices based on Jewish mystical traditions? What would Jewish Klingons be like? 2. Is the portrayal of ferengi mentary practices based on anti-Semitic stereotypes? If the Ferengi used the Jewish tradition as a basis for their Rules of Acquisition, what would the rules be? Lighting up time ... Jane | 3. The Maquis's circum-

stances are often seen as a thinly veiled representation of the current situation on 'the West Bank. Do you think this is true? If so, how should the situation be solved? 4. If there were a Jewish element in the training at Starfleet Academy, what would it be? What aspects of the training given to the Is-rael Defence Forces would be

5. In which segments of the Starfleet would Jews want to participate? Would they want to be doctors, therapists, computer experts, and lawyers. as a lot of Jews are today? Possible subjects for discussion on the Internet's (rek-cochavin) newsgroup, dedicated to exam-ining the Star Trek universe from a Jewish or Israeli perspective. Reprinted in Harper's magazine

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# Reviewing the troops

When Tony Blair wins the election, one of his first tasks should be to institute a new system in No 10. In the second extract from their book about New Labour, Peter Mandelson and Roger Liddle offer advice on the deployment of the three main forces of government: the Cabinet Office, the Treasury and the PM's staff

## Blair's new Britain

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# Factor

ers willing. government on the morning after polling day, he will end the longest period Labour has spent in opnosition since the party first tasted power in 1924 After he walks through the door of No 10, having kissed hands with the Queen. he will be shown without delay into the Cabinet Room to start his administration He will be presented with

his first day briefs, telling him what he has to decide

that day. Then he will receive

the briefs for the weekend, the next week, and so on, day and night until he finally departs other. Probably the greatest shock awaiting all incoming numsters is the sheer volume of work and paper they will have to plough through But this paperwork is the real job. Despite the widespread pubhe disillusionment with government (and the near con-tempt for politicians), expectations of the new ad-

ministration will be huge If public support is to be sus-tained. Labour must not only have a clear idea of what it tained. Labour must not only and unaware of the avalanche the prime minister. However, dividuals depends on their have a clear idea of what it of demands and choices that the great virtue of the place is personal skills as much as on wants to do. it must also have is clogging up the government its intimacy. flexibility and their status.

priorities must be shaped by Britain's needs. Anything that is essential to the programme of national renewal must come first: other measures must wait.

econoniic inheritance from the Conservatives will not be as rosy as present ministers like to imply. The public fi-nances are in a bad state. levels of expenditure on unemployment and social collapse. This is another reason why Labour will have to choose its manifesto commitments with care. Once in office, as the legislative de-mands pour in, so the publicspending bids will pile up. The new chancellor's hands may be tied even more securely than he realises now. Watching how the spending pressures are dealt with will

be a suspicious City and jittery financial markets, waiting to assess the perve of the incoming government and the mettle of its fresh, untested ministers. No doubt just as eager to test ministers' resistance will be the public-sector trade unions, representing millions of employees who feel badly done by after years of Tory government. Having to say no to many of these pressures and demands for action will be a painful necessity Standing behind the new

the best possible idea of how it | machine. Blair's job is to is going to do it. New Labour's | make this machine work. so as to ensure that the govern-ment's programme is deliv-ered, avoiding the pitfalls that Harold Wilson and James Callaghan encountered when they came into office, as well as the mistakes that Bill Clin-Labour needs to prepare for another fact of life; that the ton made in the White House. Above all, his task is to satisfy the electorate with the

> renewal through. To succeed in government Blair needs to control the cen-tral government machine and drive it hard, in the knowledge that if the government does not run the machine the machine will run the government. He must sustain a vision of what the government is aiming for, so that when times get difficult and rough — as they assuredly will — confidence in the government's purpose and direction

> performance of his govern-ment, so that it will want to

re-elect Labour to a second

is maintained The most difficult task of government is to construct a long-term political strategy and a set of agreed goals and priorities, and to adhere to these in the face of the many problems and distractions experienced by every administration.

There are three engines at the centre of government. drive the machinery forward

No 10, the Cabinet Office ministers will be their fellow and the Treasury. They need Labour MPs, disappointed in to be used together in a Blair-Labour MPs, disappointed in many cases that they do not have their own ministerial desks, impatient for action, and unaware of the avalanche the prime minister. However,

speed, and there is a very short chain of command the PM works with only around two dozen principal staff. If No 10 were to grow too much, some of this would be lost.
There is a need, however,

for a stronger political pres-ence in No 10, providing polit-ical advice and contacts which neither the private office nor the Cabinet Office can, because they are not sup-posed to get involved in politics and cannot meet the prime minister's central need: to focus on and manage the government's political strat-

egy and programme. The political office at No 10. the policy unit and the press office, all have political roles to play, and, in the case of the political and policy functions at least, there is a need for a strong figure to bind them and their work together and to act as the prime minister's principal political adviser. There is certainly an advanpolitical hands to field the media for the prime minister (a minister for the Today programme), although for such a figure to become a fixture might raise questions of authority and accountability (not to mention an enormous amount of political jealousy).

T IS better for the

prime minister to be heiped by two different sorts of individual: a senior colleague who can help smooth over frictions and disagreements in the cabinet (a role that Willie Whitelaw fulfilled for Mrs Thatcher, acting as deputy premier, though not formally designated as such), and, in addition, a lower-profile, non-ministerial political manager inside No 10 — a "straight" player who is trusted by all. especially by the official machine, whose job is to bring together the political and non-political sources of prime-ministerial advice and ensure that the prime minister's political strategy is kept on track. The effectiveness of both such in-

this process, producing crisp papers on key policy areas to articulate the prime minis-ter's political agenda. Such a lean and focused unit is prob-ably preferable to the reintroduction of a piece of Whitehall machinery such as the Cen-tral Policy Review Staff cre-

ated by Edward Heath.

The Cabinet Office prasently sees its job chiefly as knocking heads together in Whitehall — getting agreement between departments on behalf of the prime minister — and the cabinet secretary acts as the principal manager of this process of government. This is essential, but it is a reactive role.

A more proactive approach will be particularly important if a Blair-led government wants to create areas of crossdepartmental administration which are not covered by existing Whitehall structures for example, in the fight creating opportunities for young people who have fallen out or been excluded from the education system. The Cabi-net Office should be more akin to a Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, charged with actively carrying forward the cross-depart mental policies agreed by the cabinet, with the cabinet secretary acting more in future like a policy-making perma-nent secretary than as a busi-

ness manager and minute-While the Cabinet Office holds the key to the Whitehall process, the Treasury holds the purse-strings. The first task, in the run-up to govern-ment, is to establish a more comprehensive and relevant set of objectives, so that the incoming Labour government can organise the Treasury to deliver them from the outset. The Treasury must understand the key economic objectives of the new administration, and an immediate priority will be to put this in place to work together with No 10 and the Cabinet Office to implement the prime minister's and the government's

strategy. have to spend valuable time light indestrings of key With less need to balance negotiating complex job depersonnel and attend them to 0500 418 419

A beefed-up No 10 policy | right and left since the days of | scriptions with the rest of unit should play a key role in | old Labour, ministers at all | Whitehall, as the prime minislevels can be selected strictly on merit — producing a gov-ernment of talents, rather than of interests, to ensure maximum performance. They will be helped to do their jobs if they remain in their departments for longer than the average ministerial spell on the

There is a case for putting publicly identifiable super-ministers in charge of key areas of the government's overall strategy while retaining responsibilities in their own departments. These individuals would chair the rele vant cabinet committees and report directly to the prime minister on these issues. If it is impractical to have one de-partmental minister taking a lead position in relation to others, an alternative might be to use non-departmental

ministers in this role — those such as the Lord President. the Lord Privy Seal, the Chan-

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combine these roles with leadership of the Commons or the Lords and with chairing the channel for policy advice relevant cabinet committees. from the department. It would The revamped Cabinet be a mistake to introduce this Office should support each superminister and his or her cabinet committee charged with responsibility for specific policy objectives, generating ideas and leading policy innovation rather than sim ply preparing the chairman's brief and taking the minutes. These arrangements would strengthen cabinet government. They could get under way without wasting time on a wholesale restructuring of government departments, and

superministers would not

ter or a minister without port- | half a dozen or more personal folio. They can, of course, aides who would effectively European cabinet model to Britain. Ministers who are new to their jobs and their departments need to be guided by people who know the ropes, not those who are as inexperienced as they are. The quicker ministers settle down and establish a rapport

ter would make clear the

erms of each appointment

Civil servants, however, are

professionals. They loyally serve the government of the day, and there is no evidence

that they will be unenthusias-tic servants of a Labour gov-

erriment — quite the con-trary. It would be wrong and

unjust for new ministers to

come into office with a hit list

of senior civil servants they

Ministers will also benefit

rom specialist advisers

drawn from outside their de-

partments, but these should

work with not against the per-

manent staff. Labour minis-

ters need people who are not simply political sidekicks but

who can make a serious con-tribution to the issues and are

able to work closely with de-

partmental officials.

from the outset.

want to remove

and confidence with their staff the better. A checklist for incoming ministers should include: Take the time to meet as many of the department's staff as possible:

set out the new style and priorities;

 Hold regular "awaydays" in which senior officials and ministers can think out loud: Visit the department's front-line posts to get an idea of the pressures and issues: Above all, have a clear view of the half-dozen or so goals to be achieved in the first year, and do not lose sight of them until it is time to move on to the next six.

Five years or so after entering No 10. Prime Minister Blair and his party will be facing re-election. They will win if the electorate knows that they have delivered on their promises, if their unity of purpose is still there for all to see, if they have changed the way people think about politics, and if they can demonstrate convincingly that no alternative to New Labour represents a better way forward for the country.

It has been suggested that cabinet ministers should go Most Labour supporters would probably be delighted by the thought that a Blat government might get to the point where its only problems are those of success. At that stage, however, it will need to be careful not to become a victim of its own success and to run out of steam. It must always remember that the process of renewal and modernisation in politics needs to be continued

> The Labour government should use every means possible to keep renewing its vision, communicating it, and ensuring its flame is kept alive. One thing is for sure: the Tory opposition and its supporters in the media will not be sitting on their hands waiting for Blair to get back in. There will be no honey-moon for New Labour, so the government needs to get its act together right from the beginning and keep it well polished throughout.

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# The prime mover

opposition leader's suite at Westminster. BLAIR does not carry any a friend dropped in to see animus towards those who defected to the SDP. He felt as little sympathy with the old he is not especially interested in creature comforts and how things look, but his room seemed particularly austers Don't you want to make this i bit more fived in " his visito bit more fived in "ins visi-tor inquired looking round the room "No thanks." Blair popled briskly "My job is to go out of these offices as quickly is possible, not to make them inv home. For Blanc there is no job in opposition really worth hav-ing, and he has never hothered to list his opposition

posts in his Who's Who entry He finds it bizarre that biograplues should be written about num before he sets foot in No hi He hates "didding", as he calls it — being powerless to change things and put his be-45 mno practice. AN interviewer once accused Blan of holding opinions in-stead of convictions "Nor and Blair "I have core true. Sad Blar "I have con-beliefs which take the form of

right in the party, with their reliance on local-machine politics and deal-making and fixing votes with the trade unions, as he did with the old

He was a very different sort of Labour politician, who despite his communent to Labour's core beliefs — felt little allegiance to the traditional ways of doing things. BLAIR had already made his

mark with other leading members of the party's parliamentary leadership. John Smith had been introduced to him three years before by a close mutual friend. Alexander brone thow Lord Irvine of der Irvine (now Lord Irvine of Lairg, the shadow Lord Chancellor) Irvine had thought Blair might do some speech-writing and research for Smith, and Blair went to the House of Commons for disner, to offer his help, Smith was in fine form, talking, jok-

HORTLY after Tony | would let's be blunt about it. | board — including Denis Healing moved into the have joined another party." | board — including Denis Healing moved into the have joined another party." lasting friendship.

> CECIL Parkinson has been quoted as saying: "I think he's very shrewd. He had a big point he wanted to make each day and he clearly put a lot of effort into that, and that was

He would then let the others follow up on the point he had made, which I thought was a grown-up thing to do."

IN 1992 Blair and Gordon Brown had both privately warned Smith then shadow chancellor, of the electoral dangers of his tax and national insurance proposals the previous autumn. But, out of loyalty to their friend and senior, they had acquiesced in

It was a mistake from which Blair learned. You can get a hundred little things right. but if you fail on the big points you will lose.

NOTHING infuriates Blair more than London-based journalists purporting to offer in-sights into a Labour Party strong left-of-centre values ing and druking to excess No they have little contact with With my class background of psearch work was discussed. point in cross coexecution is precious work was usenessed, and canning that the grass and he does not take proper all I had wanted to do was but they went on until dawn, roots have no sympathy for account of how ego drives oversee power I could and reading every drinks cup- his changes.



Blair . . . ins and outs

BLAIR was more nervou throughout the Clause 4 change than in any other period of his leadership. He steels himself for big occasions such as important speeches, and has great self-discipline and control in preparing for them, carefully gathering ideas from trusted staff and advisers. But he will sometimes feel daunted at the enormity of the challenges ahead, and he can become either discouraged or irri-tated when he feels that colleagues are not putting their personal concerns and vanities aside in the wider interests of the party. He is not a particularly vain or esocentric politician himself and he does not take proper

# Party pieces and the past

OT long ago, in a south London theatre, a host of politicians and Labour-supporting celebrites assembled at a Young Mail why so much effort has the party constantly has to identify ways of reconnecting itself with ordinary voters, speaking their language and voicing their party, cannot understand guage and voicing their concerns and aspirations. To do this the party needs gest applause of the night went to James Callaghan. a man who represented something few in the hall could remember - Labour

in power.

The applause is deeply ironic. Parts of the Labour Party spent the early 1980s attacking the record of Callaghan's government, accusing it of having be-trayed socialism. In the years after Margaret Thatcher's election victory in 1979, speakers at the Labour Party conference trying to defend the former government's actions were

routinely booed.
The transformation has

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Labour gala evening. Neil Kinnock, the host for the evening, received a rapturous reception from the two thousand young activists in the audience. The big-sest analysis of the right realised: that creating a bealthy, vibrant and confident Labour Party is essential both to defeating the Tories and to building a new relationship of trust with the British people. A reformed, stronger Labour Party is the necessary foundation-stone of a successful Labour govern-ment. The process of

> but the momentum for change is unstoppable. There are important con-clusions to be drawn from this experience for the present day:

reform is not yet complete.

To do this, the party needs to continue to recruit a mass of new members, so as to become ever more representative of ordinary voters, growing strong roots in local neighbour-hoods and communities.

• By moving increasingly from a system of delegate democracy to direct democracy, structures must en-sure that the party's mass, grassroots membership, rather than unrepresentative groups of activists, has the greatest say in the agreement of policies and the election of its leaders.

policy-making structures, not the resolution-based politics of the past. A substantial start has

been made in implementing these changes, and, as a result, the difference between the party that at its mildest was a thorn in Callaghan's side to the one that cheered him to the rafters 15 years later is enormous.

Some have complained of feeling that the party is engaged in a "permanent revolution". But what is wrong with that? Shouldn't any organisation committed to changing committed to changing society be constantly seek-The changes in the party's local culture must continue, so that instead of activity dominated by The leadership's view is clear. Tony Blair told the GMB trade union confermants. routinely booed.

The transformation has not occurred by accident. First Neil Kinnock then his successor, John Smith, and Labour voters, the meetings, minutes and agendas, constituencies undertake campaigning, education and socialising, which are more interesting. The answer is never."

Tomorrow: youth and questions of right and wrong



# Interest-rate masochists kill investment prospects



\_arry Elliott

older than Madame Jeanne Calment, 121 last week, to remember it. The UK may engine but since steel, chemi-cals and electricity powered the second industrial revolu-tion in the late 19th century, Britain has lagged behind.

Ted Heath put the problem rather well back in 1973. At an industrial lunch organised he said: "The curse of British industry is that it has never anticipated demand. When we [the Heath Government of 1970) came in we were told there weren't sufficient inducements to invest, so we provided the inducements.

ments difficulties leading to stop-go. So we floated the ears of inflation: we're dealaren't investing enough."

Against this background. Friday's news that manufac-turing investment fell by 9 months of 1995 should have come as no surprise.

Then we were told people

hows, needs little prompting hold, preferring to wait until

Even so, the Government as in 1973 — has every reason to be grouchy about the lack three years. The economy has been been growing, inflation. been cut, corporate profitabil-ity is strong, and labour is weak and insecure. And yet since the economy emerged from the traumas of ERM barely stirred

At this point ministers else they are supposed to do. One answer, provided by Patrick Minford, is that after Black Wednesday monetary ford, one of the Government's panel of independent advi-sers, argues that rates should have come down much further in 1992-93 and should be reduced now by at least I per-

Short-term rates fell from 10 per cent to 6 per cent by early 1993, accompanied by a 15 per cent devaluation in sterling But Prof Minford believes base rates should have come crashing down to 2 or 3 per cent. That would have meant that real (inflation adthan remaining at around 8

Indeed, Prof Minford says that the Government's refusal the past three years has pro-vided the economy with a series of mini-deflationary shocks that are preventing memployment returning to its natural rate of one million.

of the few economists scorn-ful of the idea that the Black Wednesday-induced devaluation would inevitably lead to a surge in inflation. He ar-gues that although 3 per cent base rates would have led to Some support for this view

would have been transitory because of the enormous slack in the labour market. Second, the Minford thesis is not merely hypothetical After a far less severe reces sion in the United States than we had here real rates were cut to zero and left there until investment rose by an average of 11 per cent a year from 1993 to 1995; Britain averaged

dearer imports, the effect

iust over 2 per cent. Third, some senior officials see some merit in the Minford interest rate cycle — a trough of 5.25 per cent, a peak of 6.75 oer cent — and muse on why it has been so shallow. One explanation is that rates were kept too high after Black Wednesday.

sured by three-month interbank ing inflation once the ERM strait-jacket was removed, falling from 4.8 per cent in 1991 to 3 per cent in 1993 and nudging up to 4 per cent. Those figures alone suggest policy was too tight. Yet, because the ship was rudderless and Captain Lamont was about to walk the plank, the against the mark at an over-

overheating before taking the plunge. By which time, of right first, he has read the course, it's too late and the decomony much better than blow to credibility lost by the flation necessitated by demand exceeding supply makes the that slashing interest rates would have sent the pound fumbling into a bottomless pit and re-ignited inflation.

> comes from the Ernst & Young ham Chub, which uses the Treasury model of the economy for its forecasting. Asked by the Guardian to project what would have hap-pened had rates been cut to 3 per cent in early 1998, Item nd that growth would have been far stronger --- a cumulative 2.5 percentage points on GDP in the three years 1993-95 — unemployment would have been 200,000 lower at a whis-ker over two million — and the PSBR would have been around £6 billion lower

However, this would have been at the expense of a much lower exchange rate and far higher inflation. According to Item, the Retail Prices Index excluding mortgages would be running at around 6 per cent, double its current level. Item's chief economist, Paul Droop, said that it was un-likely that inflation would have been allowed to rise so far without some policy tight-ening and while he believed there was potential for base rates of 3 per cent to trigger a run on sterling, he questioned would have had the sort of knock-on impact on wages implied by the Treasury model. would have had a marked im-

ment more expensive. Yet the cost of capital is only

pact on investment, since the

markets would have res-ponded to the inflationary threat posed by zero real rates

by pushing up long-term bond rates, hence making invest-

according to most business surveys. Firms want to be sure which suggests that the most important factor in the immediate aftermath of a deep recession is giving the economy a big enough stimulus.

In the period most analogous to the post ERM period - Britain's departure from the Gold Standard in 1981 — the impact of cutting rates to 2 per cent did provide a substantial boost to investment, both in manu-facturing and construction. In the next three year's Britain's investment as a share of GDP was higher than the European average — the only time in the inter-war period that it was.

really a chance that bistory would repeat itself in the 1990s. After Black Wedneslenge the Bank's orthodoxy. This requires that interest-rate policy has only two settings - tight and masochistically tight. Any suggestion that policy should be symmetrical — with a period in which monetary policy is dewhich monetary packed by a flationary balanced by a

period of reflation — is "tak-ing risks with inflation". Yet as Mr Clarke realised only too well, the failure to boost the construction indusers and float a million house ardy. First, it has risked the sustainability of the recovery. Second, it risks the Governbeing out of power, if not for tory over the Governor, while come, has probably come

# Shattering the homework myth Tragic 11th hour trade-in

My interviews with 24

owner/managers of small cut-make-and-trim subcontrac-

tors revealed that while most

homeworkers do work for small workshops or factories,

#### Debate

Kim Hendry

working at home ptimism, portraying escape from the strait-This is the future in which giobal financial deals will be conducted via computer from

The reality is far bleaker, particularly when we look at the oldest form of home-based work, manufacturing home-

Notions of "independence" and "freedom" echo mockingly in the cramped, unsafe living rooms where women and their children toil regularly through the night to meet rush orders for meagre

pay.
Homework is easily the crease in many western economies, including Britain; in "sunrise" industries, such as electronics, plastics and car as well as in declining manufacturing sectors.
A 1993 European Commis-

sion report stated that homeworking "Is a question of major concern in a substantial number of member states", and in Britain the National Group on Homeworking reckons there are one million-

A myth surrounding homeworking is that it exists because of the needs of its female workforce, enabling them to combine paid work with their role as carers.

the end of a long subcontract-

ing chain. C&A, River Island, Dorothy Perkins, Teeco and GUS were

| large capital in creating and | tive nature generates uncerperpetuating the demand for tainty. As a result, flexibility homeworkers. be "hired" and "fired" — was identified by employers as the main advantage in using

Because the homeworker is paid only according to output, the owner is not obliged to fund an idle workforce during

Reduced capital costs and

Increasingly risks and costs of production are being passed on down subcontracting chain from retailer to homeworker

In other words, while its use is influenced by employers' access to an abundant supply of low-cost, usually female labour, it is the economic, organisational and/or managerial benefits that homeworking offers to capi-tal, rather than, say, a short-

age of women to work in fac-tories, which primarily accounts for its persistence.

These arguments are borne out by a study I did in the West Midlands clothing sector which exposed homeworking's clandestine contribution to the high street fashion trade and the central role of

only be satisfactorily ex-plained through an analysis of demand factors. found to be selling garments produced by homeworkers under heavily exploitative

conditions.

Homeworking was a key element in the West Midlands clothing sector's emergence in the mid-1970s and its abil-"cheap . labour" countries like Morocco and

Casualised, isolated, with little or no bargaining power, homeworkers provide the in-dustry with much-needed flexibility. In the West Midlands, the

advantages gained can be grouped under four headings. Flexibility: The fashion industry's volatile and competi-

workers enables employers to avoid many of the costs associated with production, including rent, storage, electricity, even purchase of sew-

ing machines.
Lower labour costs and wages: In addition to all the savings listed above, the price of homeworkers' labour is much cheaper than a factory workforce. There is no holiday or sick pay, redundancy or overtime pay. The wage, usually piecework, also tends to be lower, because dispersed homeworkers exert little bargaining power and because of the low value attached to female labour.

Recruitment, training

#### | conventional management tasks are also passed on to the homeworker. Recruitment is usually via word of mouth and companies are able to exploit sewing skills learnt else where. Because homeworkers are paid only for work judged acceptable by the firm, they are forced to supervise their

Increasingly the risks and costs of production are being passed on down the subconchain: from retails to wholesaler to manufacturer to subcontractor to

Clearly, homeworkers have the worst of all worlds. Eco-nomically dependent on the firm, they are denied the benefits of employment such as holiday and sick pay, and a

regular wage. Research projects that trace the links in the subcontract ing chain are now being se up across Europe. They will provide essential information in the campaign of homeworking groups calling for large retailers to bear legal responsibility for pay and conditions of the homeworkers (and others) who make their clothes.

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two years working for the
Banking Insurance and Finance Union. Her Masters dis-

ertation, Invisible Threads was completed at the University By contrast, a main-

## of deeply held opposition Worm's eye

Dan Atkinson

SAD TO say, it is time for MNAF. This is not an off-shoot of the Ministry of Agriculture. It of commentator that Hemingway used to call "good grey baggy-pants". When-ever our man is limbering up for a Mill Reef-style gal-lop on his favourite hobby horse, he prefaces his remarks with: "Making no apology for . . ." Usually, he is making no apology for returning to the pet topic he had droned on about the

previous week.
With full MNAF, therefore, the worldwide revolt on last week, will be fur-ther examined today. And if that sounds like a baggypants get out — too bad. They used to say a Communist is a man who stands in a town square at noon shouting: "It's midnight". The hours roll by and, sure nough, the time comes

when our friend is right,

the case for midday.

in and Britat tralia and New Zealand, the story of the last 15 years is of disintegration of opposi-tion to the financial interest. Public figures thunds in unison that the "global economy" is a "given". The civil authorities chief tunction is now to make their territory as attractive as possible for the moguls of "inward investment". In this strange new world, the sole distinguishing feature of movements and organisations originally formed to combat the financial interest is their enthusiasm

slave auction. still not clear. It could be that the free movement of capital as an idea was sold to proponents of social democracy on the grounds

sures to pummel the citi-

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stream anti-capitalist | that it was "international" reformer would appear, on recent evidence, to be a man who performs the arme feat with the important difference that at 11.15pm he loses his nerve and announces his full and irreversible conversion to the case for midday. the case for midday.

In Germany, France, forth the sort of exceptation proposing to revive the Nuremburg Decrees.

The immediate result of this collapse of resistance has been to jam the mechanism whereby society can make choices. Weighing the pros and cons of unfet-tered free trade is no longer a purposeful activity for a citizen of the West, because the opportunity to vote against free movement of canital and goods no longer

Or rather, it no longer exists in the mainstream. Instead it is popping up in the midst of alarming new movements in France, Germany and the United States. Needless to say, the financial interest and its front men didn't notice any of this and still don't take the threat seriously. Too busy, one imagines. totting up their "performances related bonness".

# Wrong forecasts prove surprisingly helpful

#### Briefing

Richard Thomas

LEADING City economist once gave a classic riposte to accusations that his forecasts were consis-tently wide of the mark. "I was wrong", he admitted. "But I was wrong for all the

But there is something to be said for mistakes — you can learn from them. Some new research uses the way forecasters get their numbers wrong to predict the economic future.

Leo Doyle, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson, has con-structed a "surprise index", based on the differences be tween what economists thought would happen and He has taken a wide range dian market view from the

Indicators

of the most important eco-nomic series — gross domestic product, retail sales, indus-trial output, unemployment, narrow money (M0), broad money (M4). CBI industrial trends and distributive trades, car sales, consumer credit and compared the median forecast by City economists

with the actual outturn. Each element has been weighted using a rule-ofthumb measure of their sig-nificance. GDP accounts for 20 per cent of the total, industrial output and high street sales 12 per cent each, and the tiddlers, cars and credit, each make up 4 per cent. He admits that many City

economists lose little sleep over their monthly predictions
— "many lick their fingers and say 0.3 per cent for everything" - but reckons they give a good feel of expectations. Mr Doyle has charted the standard deviation of the me-

1990 1991 the data turned out to be stronger than the pundits ex-pected: in other words, were site direction — although ana-

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real numbers. When the sur- | strong activity in 1994 caught prise indicator is above zero, analysts out, and the way in

which weak recent numbers "surprisingly" good. And lysts are catching on. vice-versa when the index "Nearly all the main "Nearly all the main turning irops into minus figures.

The chart shows how the forecasters;" Mr Doyle says.

1995

#### Tourist rates — bank sells

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GDP growth and suprise indicator

US: Trade balance (Dec).
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pect, therefore, that the early stages of each downturn or up-turn will have been accompanied by a tendency for monthly releases in the same direction Teday's surprise may be indic a pattern, because they treat each release separately. But together they might amount to a missed turning point.

The graph appears to back the theory, with the surprise index running in close parallel to, and usually foreshad-owing, the rate of growth in non-oil GDP.

What does it tell us about the immediate future? The surprises are currently on the downside, which hints at an impending downturn. The last time the index crossed from the top to the bottom half of the graph, there was a deep recession.

The very recent drift back towards the balance point could mean that the landing will be softer this time around come a more pessimistic bunch than in the late 1980s. But there is problem. If his index gained credence, econo-

mists might start using it to alter their forecasts. This thereby kill the index. So Mr Doyle's innovative

remains secret. Oh dear.

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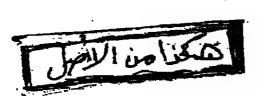
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Sunday best . . . Alberto Tomba on the superb second run which lifted him from sixth place to first in the Sierra Nevada world championship slalom. It was just going for a medal. To win two golds is beyond my wildest dreams, said the Italian, Friday's giant slalom winner DETER BIOLOGE

Athletics

## Ladejo runs into form and trouble

Stophon Bierley

assed off his baton pointing antics at the expense of the French in the men's 4x400 relay in Glasgow on Saturday as a little crowd-pleasing fun at the end of the international meeting, but British officials were not amused. For this is a serious sport. Give an athlete a millimetre of self-expres-sion and the whole thing could deteriorate into

entertainment.

The reigning European outdoor and indoor 400m champion, largely educated in the United States, has never been short of confidence and history in the individual sant of confidence and ins-earlier victory in the individ-ual 400 suggested he may retain his indoor title in Stockholm next month. coo, so much more," he said, his public face positively oozing conviction in his own

ability.

Ladejo's career came to a juddering halt last season, when a trapped nerve cloaked his customary ebullience, and doubts linger that he would not have prevented Roger

Black from winning a unique third successive European 400m title in Helsinki in 1994 had Black been entirely fit.

The British prefer their heroes unassumingly modest and the fact that Ladejo talks a good race rubs people up the wrong way. Yet he is no braggart. He admits to being naive about his event when he first victory for 18 months and now returns to South Africa to continue her Olympic preparations. The heroine of the day was Vicky Lawrence, second in the 800m. Contacted at 9.30am, when Vicky Stern was taken ill overnight, she was driven from Blackpool and arrived less than 30 minutes before her event. Her reward may be a place in the European indoor team, which will be selected tomorrow and announced on Wednesday.

• Michael Johnson ran the fastest 400m indoors this about his event when he returned to Britain to work with Tony Hadley and he be-lieves he is more mature now lieves he is more mature now than in 1994. The European indoor championships are simply a means to an end, that end being the Olympics. "I'm really very excited about Atlanta. My whole goal is to go out there and win a medal."

The domestic 400m competition this summer will be fierce with a possible eight runners seriously vying for three places, but this will be as nothing compared with tackling the Americans in their own backyard. Ladejo has yet to run a world-class time but insists he is capable "Based on my current training I am far better than I have been before." In Atlanta he will need to be.

Sally Gunnell recorded her

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pion last year, won the event with 21.23 metres, the best in the world this year. He is at-tempting to become the first American to compete in both the shot and discus in the Olympics since 1924.

His mark was well short of the world indoor record of

fastest 400m indoors this year, 45.32, at the Mobil Invitational in Fairfax, Virginia. It put Ladejo's 46.39 in context and did little for Mark Everett's confidence either; he

was almost two seconds

At another invitation meet-

ing in Los Angeles John Go-dina, world shot-put cham-

## All systems go for Alderbrook

Chris Hawkins

N A Saturday rich with pointers for the future, Alderbrook. Draborgie, Rough Quest and Lo Stregone put up performances which had the bookmakers running

Anyone not already on Alderbrook for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham two weeks tomorrow will have to watch the race as a mere academic exercise or be prepared to bet odds-on.

Evens with Ladbrokes is the best price available (Hill's go 8-11) after the reigning champion toyed with the op-position in Saturday's Levy Board Hurdle at Kampton Board Hurdle at Kempton. Kim Railey reported Alder-brook, "absolutely fine" yes-terday morning and, with reg-ular rider Norman Williamson expecting to return to the fray on Thursday, all is set fair for a repeat

ton as he beat Mack The Knife by three and a half lengths.
Right Win was the disappointment of the race. Richard Hannon thought the ground was too soft for his six-year-old and would only

consider running him in the Champion on better going.
One definite Champion Hurdle absentee is Dato Star, who was yesterday ruled out for the rest of the season by trainer Malcolm Jefferson.

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Last year's top bumper horse crumpled on landing after pinging the fourth-last flight in Haydock's Select Hurdle last Friday. Though seemingly none the worse immediately after the race, Dato Star has damaged his near Star has damaged his near-hind hock, an injury which will necessitate surgery. It will be five months before his can come back into training. Martin Pipe seems to have

unearthed a star in the ex-French mare Draborgie who jumped well from the front

Rough Quest, who has to be nursed in his races, was given a wonderfully sympathetic ride by Richard Dunwoody to win the Racing Post Chase and enter calculations for the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup. "He's a stone better going left-handed, so to talk of the Gold Cup now is not as stupid

as it might sound," said win-ning trainer Terry Casey. After a slow jump at the last Percy Smollett finished fast,

besten just over a length, and is knocking on the door. David Nicholson, his trainer, completed a double with Viking Flagship, now 9-4 to complete the Queen Mother Champion Chase hat-trick, and Zabadi, who did his Triumph Hurdle prospects no harm with a gutsy defeat of Mistinguett. Zabadi came to the last with

understand the stable may have a preferred Triumph

hope in Love The Blues. At Haydock, Lo Stregone was a convincing winner of the Greenalls Grand National Trial and is now 10-1 favourite for the big one at Aintres This horse stays all day and the four and a half miles at Aintree will not trouble him. All but Tartan Tyrant were a spent force with a mile to

run here including Party Politics and Jodami, the latter apparently gurgling and fin-ishing distressed. Earth Sum-mit pulled up lame and is out Party Politics was well beaten but Nick Gaselee was

not too dismayed, pointing out that the freeze-up had pre-vented him getting sufficent work into the old horse who, because he is tubed, cannot go swimming to keep fit.

• Sound Man, favourite for the Queen Mother Champion of last season's imperious when winning the Research his ears pricked but began to look around him and Adrian winning at Ascot. Trainer Ed-Maguire put his poor jump ward. O'Grady reported the winning at Ascot. Trainer Ed-ward. O'Grady reported the the second last, where he got in a bit too close, impaired Alfron 7-2 to 5-2 favourite for tration. Zabadi showed plenty derbrook's progress at Kemp- the Arkle at Cheltenham and of resolution, although I be galloped later this week.

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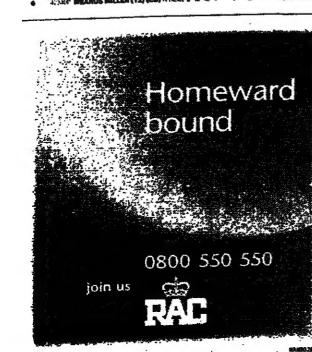
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Quick as a flash





Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, second leg: Leeds United 3, Birmingham City 0 (Leeds win 5-1 on aggregate)

# Wilkinson finds Wembley way Asprilla 'butt'

club anthem penned the good folk of Wes Yorkshire yesterday rose as one to acclaim Leeds United's safe passage at lunchtime yesterday through to the League

It was a moment to savour contest one of the major cup competitions was in May 1973, back in the good old when successful teams built by a wily manag-

ously lost 1-0 to Sunderland. On March 24 they may lose to being their supporters are just happy to relax in the cnowledge that they will be

years," said the Leeds manager Howard Wilkinson. "Getting through to a cup final has been a bit of a holy grail for me. It has also been a ong time coming for the club. Twenty three years - some of them barren years — is a very long time for a club of this

of Leeds's season, produced a mirror image of last week's dour goalless draw with Port Vale: much effort and enleavour submerged beneath a blanket of unfulfilled

promise. It was grim stuff. Leeds's initial hesitancy, which at times verged or limidity, was understandable because teams managed by Barry Fry do not tend to stand on ceremony, particuachieved in the first of two

The Yorkshire club's fans had anticipated an onslaught though the first-half chances



Jump shot . . . Steve Claridge tries his luck, which was definitely out at Elland Road yesterday; he missed a penalty too

evitably, the chief culprit as Wilkinson had preferred him who was restricted to six minutes as a late substitute. The South African miss

three presentable opportuni-ties but did at least get the

for Birmingham.

Thereafter it was a stroll. It nothing else, Tony Yeboah's magnificent overhead kick

when the 2-1 advantage that | noon would be remembered | idge, on possibly his last ap-Leeds had accrued at St An- | for more than just its | pearance before he moves to

It was all over and yet, typi-cally, Leeds still felt inclined to proffer the hand of Kelly's clumsy challenge on Sheridan presented Birming-ham with a penalty but Clar-

eicester City, struck the foo of a post — his club's 14th miss from the spot in the last 23 attemy

third from McAllister's cross

but he was only adding to the script rather than twisting

Premier Division Aberdeen 0, Rangers 1

#### **Gascoigne** sees yellow and goal

AN untidy but crucial match at Pittodrie, Paul Gascoigne showed once again that his tongue is as sharp as his feet by racking up his 13th caution of the season as well as the winning goal.

The mercurial England midfielder also managed to perpetrate the miss of the year on an afternoon when Rangers' long-recognised ability to pull plums out of the most unappetising ple helped restore their three-point lead over Celtic at the top of the Premier Division.

Apparently capable of being simultaneously tormented and inspired, Gascoigne demonstrated that he is also giver to becoming knackered and was taken off six minutes from the end, clearly in need

The Aberdeen players could have done with a share of the oxygen, as Gascoigne had left them semi-comatose with his 31st-minute penalty. He had already been booked for dissent when Robertson played Laudrup down the left and the Dane cut inside Irvine

towards the box. Irvine's challenge from behind was appallingly judged, unlike the sweet little dink with the right foot with which Gascoigne rolled the conversion as far as possible to the right of Watt.

it was during Aberdeen's largely unsubtle push for the equaliser in the second half equaliser in the second man that Rangers created enough opportunities to win the match handsomely. None, however, was more blatant

than Gascoigne's.
Watt made a wonderful save at the feet of the marauding Laudrup, but the winger regained his balance and the ball and sent it into the path of Gascoigne, who looked at an empty goal from 10 yards out. Trying to walk the ball past the stranded Glass, he merely pushed it over the line

for a goal-kick.
"If Aberdeen had equalised, the lads wouldn't have forgiven me for that," said Gascoigne. "I simply tried to be a little too clever." Between fathering his first child and, according to a Sunday tabloid, being shown the door by the mother, the bold enigma has suffered another colourful

Aberdoors Watt Grant Irvine, Smith McKimmle (Booth, 22min), Bernard. Windass, Glass, Miller, Shearer, Dodds. ers: Goram, Moore, Petric, McLaren, P. Robertson, Miller, Gascolgne (Van n. 84), McCell, Ferguson (Cleland

**Premiership:** Blackburn Rovers 2. Liverpool 3

## Evans thankful as Flowers is freaked out

HIS was probably a just just means, since the biggest players of the afternoon were Lady Luck, the groundsman and the referee, a trio who combined to produce some An early indication that

this was going to be an interesting afternoon came in the 10th minute when Flowers got down to stop an innocuous 30yard shot from Collymore only for the ball to hit a divot and bounce over his shoulder. One almost expected chants

and Liverpool's manager Roy for the first time this season, Evans said: "It was a freak Rovers were in better fettle goal. Stan thought it was such than they had been for a long a poor effort, he turned away. achieved by entirely But we are thankful for small mercies."

Liverpool's second and third goals also left Flowers, who made some super saves In the 21st minute Colly-more's 25-yard free-kick evaded the wall and sped-be-tween the stranded goalkeeper and the far post. Thomas's strike 20 minutes from time was hit so hard that Flowers could not stop it looping over him into the net. With the wide men Ripley

put them back in the game just before the half-hour. His short pass wide found Ripley and, from the cross, Wilcox scored with a superb glancing that, but paid the price for header which spun past the complacency when they

rooted James. The goal sparked a good spell for Rovers, who abandoned their direct approach for some subtle passing which Liverpool found less easy to deal with, but they lost Ripley with a recurrence of his ham-

"sack the groundsman", and Wilcox playing together string injury early in the handle just before the end, liverpool's manager Roy for the first time this season, second half. When Liverpool and Shearer was unable to score in a home league game. It is than they had been for a long move of the match, Rovers for the first time this season. went further behind; Fowler's by markers, who nevertheless incisive pass found Thomas. provided the ammunition to whose fierce low shot from just inside the area was only half blocked and found the Liverpool strolled after

messed about instead of clear-ing. Sherwood put an end to the nonsense with a firm strike from close range with six minutes left to set up an exciting finish. Rovers were adamant they deserved a penalty when Barnes appeared to

"The three points keeps us it has decided that flying el-in touch," said Evans, claim- bows are not, after all, part ing that the championship was only "in the back of my mind", with a place in Europe the priority: Liverpool are nine points behind Newcastle but unbesten in 14 games.

#### Rioch back in Graham's groove as Hartson comes out barking

West Ham United 0, Arsenal 1

GRORGE GRAHAM was Saturday but his spirit most certainly was. One-nil to the Arsenal and even Bruce Rioch's press
address reflected Georgian
orthodoxy: "The lads
showed great character and
togetherness to survive."
Rioch himself has done

more than just survive his first eight months in charge, and followed that classic Highbury formula of cup run — although Gra-ham teams tended to reach finals rather than semis and respectability in the league. But for all the talk of clear-outs, buy-ins and new eras, 10 of the team that started on Saturday were Graham products and the 11th, Dennis Bergkamp, was hardly noticeable.

Compare that with West Ham, whose forward line is unrecognisable from a year ago. And coming soon we have the 3D version: Dani, Dumi and Dowle.

Perhaps the most impres sive Gunner, aside from Seaman, was John Hartson, bought by Graham as an investment and consigned to the reserves by Rioch. He is an old-fashioned centre-forward who likes nothing better than an all-over covering of mud within min-utes of the kick-off.

By the time he got it on Saturday he had aiready scored what proved the decisive goal, converting Merson's cross after a Harkes bly banish him to the stiffs.

alty and Dowle had a goal

disallowed for offside.

It will be interesting to see what happens to Hartson now. The last time be scored, against Sheffield United, he was dropped, subsequently reacting to his omission by accusing Rioch of "treating him like a dog". This time he may get more of a chance since Wright, who was out in-jured, is now suspended for two games and the subject of transfer speculation.

is back in the reckoning and managed the second half without adverse reaction. Rioch requires Platt fully fit and firing. Until then the ghost of Graham will continue to stalk, silently nodding approval at all that honest toil. Arsenal did not get where they are today without knowing how to win 1-0.

Arsenair Seaman; Dixon, Keown, Linighan, Winterburn, Morrow, Hitter (Plat, h-I), Parlour, Hartson, Sergkamp,



Dicks then missed a pen- | Hartson . . . early strike

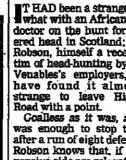
Tottenham Hotspur 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0

# **Armstrong's giant step**

EDNESDAY's child is full of woe — but not their manager. David Pleat was surprisingly upbeat after another away defeat. their fifth in a row and all without scoring. "I am no more worried than

any other manager at this stage." he said as Wednesday hover above the abyss. "If you are fearful you might as well pack it in. We were not that inferior today. The difference between the teams was the pace and power of Armstrong.
"He took his goal excellently but I was disappointed for Nicol, who seemed to have done enough to hold him up before Armstrong found an extra half-yard."

SCOPER: Arsenak Hartson (2rdn). West Hann: Mikhsko; Polis, Harkas (Dani, 58), Rieper, Dicks, Hughes, Sishop, Williamson, Rowland, Cottee, Dowls.



That Armstrong was able to | Nicol and Atherton, who maintain control of the bail | strove valiantly to restrict the on a beast of a pitch says much for the striker's steady improvement. His goal was one of few highlights of a game that matched the dis-

mally rainy weather. Such quality as there was came from Spurs, although Waddle — greeted warmly by home and away support alike gave Wednesday a little more shape after the interval. But as his ageing legs gradually sank into the bog all hope died for Wednesday's drum-beating, bugle-blowing.

bare-chested followers.
Tottenham ought to have Woods, recalled in goal after having some bone removed from a damaged knee, per-formed well behind Walker,

ome side to one goal.
"We were easily the better side and should have won more convincingly," said Spurs' manager Gerry Francis.
The short-passing game he

favours had to be abandoned as the mud defeated the ballplaying wingers Fox and Sin-ton. Mind you, they swung over 15 corners between them without unduly troubling

without unduly troubling Woods; the pitch cannot be blamed for that.

SCORERS Tettenhams Hetspure Amstrong (SZmin).

Tettenhams Hetspures Walker: Campbell, Galderwood, Mabbutl, Wilson, Fox (Rosenhai, 77), Dazzel, Howells, Sision, Armstrong, Sheringham, Sheffeld Wedmentage Woods; Atherton, Mool, Walker, Noise, Degryes (Waddle, b-1), Hyde, Whitingham, Briscoe (Plaits, 73), Kewnsevie (Walls, SS), Hirst.

Mediment M Reed (Girmingham).

Coventry City 0, Middlesbrough 0

### Robson keeps his new head-hunters at bay

Mark Redding

T HAD been a strange week what with an African witchdoctor on the hunt for a severed head in Scotland: Bryan Robson, himself a recent victim of head-hunting by Terry Venables's employers, must have found it almost as strange to leave Highfield Road with a point. Goalless as it was, a draw

was enough to stop the rot defenders to shine, and none after a run of eight defeats but Robson knows that, if his expensive side are relegated, the only people looking for his lute in the centre of the Covhead will be angry Middlesbrough directors.

Defence was clearly Rob-son's priority; nine league de-feats in a row would have broternational said. ken the club record set in 1954 when Boro were relegated from the old First Division along with Liverpool. Yet Fjortoft brought a fine save from Ogrizovic in the first half and the impressive Pol-

ty when he was pulled back by Richardson.
Otherwise it was a day for more brightly than Daish, the £1.5 million debut boy from Birmingham who was resoentry back four and later back five.

lock should have had a penal-

"I enjoyed every minute of it," the Republic of Ireland in-Eoin Jess, Coveniry's £1.7 million capture from Aberdeen, also made a sound

debut, indicating that Ron Atkinson may finally have a side capable of doing justice to his £13.5 million expenditure, but both managers were in surly mode afterwards. Robson slipped away without speaking. Afkinson wowed: "The fight goes on."

Carriery Citys Ogrizovic; Pickerin; (Lampay, Torsin). Stew, Daish, Burrowi Teller (Burset, 41), Richardson, Jass Salako, Dubin, N Whatan,

# a headache for Keegan

Commentary

David Lacev

HE damnation of Faustino apart, Saturday's 3-3 draw be-tween Manchester City and Newcastle United at Maine Road was a tri-umph for the individual which a combination of teamwork, ever-increasing speed and a stifling denial of space has spent the past three decades striving to

It took a rare foreign mix of talents to recall skills once taken for granted among British footballers. For City, Georgi Kinkladze, a Georgian, gave an exhibi-tion of close control and cre-ative play which belonged to the age of Carter and Man-nion. For United, Philippe Albert, a Belgian, not only scored twice but was such a profound influence between the penalty areas that images of Jim Baxter at his finest sprang to mind.

What a pity that the only part of the match video on which the Football Association must focus concerns the two occasions when the cameras caught Faustino Asprilla at his worst, the Colombian having previ-ously encapsulated the

It is a matter of pictorial record that early in the second half Asprilla, having near the byline, elbowed the ities were briefly resumed as the final whistle sounded this time with a curt nod. Asprilla will be fortunate

charge and suspension. pre-Selhurst Eric Cantona on his hands, a combina-tion of brilliance and banditry with a shared dislike of challenges from behind. "He's from Latin America, that's the way they are,' was Keesan's excuse for Astle manager did not get a clear first-hand view of either incident. The FA may

bows are not, after all, part and parcel of the game. Whatever happens to As-prilla, Reegan has some important thinking to do in the matter of tactics and strategy. The message from Maine Road was that Newcastle may win the Premier-ship at home or not at all. Away, they have begun to

leak goals and points, When all the excitement and fuss of Saturday's game had died down, the stark three times to gain a point. defensive shortcomings had brought them to the brink of

Their away record may be no worse than those of their immediate rivals: in fact are identical in terms of games will take them to Notilous journeys they have to face Manchester United at

It would be wonderful, though unrealistic, to think a formation owing less to

The freedom to roam imilar licence given to Barthat, without Lee, Newcastle had limited cover when a movement broke down. The the pitch stayed in the areas normally occupied by fullbacks and was seldom disturbed.

the non-fiscal kind to plug such gaps. Presumably this lion. At Maine Road it was easy to see where he would fit in, playing in front of role. But would the spec-tacle have been improved by Batty inflicting pain on Kinkladze? Of course not.

City's goals were a mix ture of luck — Clough's shot taking an involuntary deflection off Quinn's instep and opportunism — Quinn and Rösler snapping up mons for Albert to volley was never bettered, and Coprilla's first for Keegan, after Immel failed to hold Newcastle always had the capacity to score, and when the instep of Quinn in bring-

ing the scores level again with eight minutes remaining it was no surprise. Well though City performed, another two home points had been dropped and they stay in the bottom three.

es M Bodenham (East Loce).

Wimbledon 3, Aston Villa 3

#### Harford joy as time and tide again wait for Wimbledon

ONCE again time appeared to expand to be filled by a Wimbledon equaliser. It seemed at Selhurst Park that a benign influence was per-mitting the home side endless licence to redeem the errors of their ways.

There were mistakes in

abundance in a performance bizarre even by Crazy Gang standards. Indeed Wimbledon could lay claim to some kind of record in self-destructive ness in presenting two owngoals and a needless penalty to opponents well equipped to

A largely stoppage free second half was somehow allowed to drift into three minutes of injury time, when the 37-year-old Mick Harford found the energy and space to head the equaliser that kept Wimbledon out of the relegation zone.

Justice had been served in the Huddersfield cliff-hanger a week before, but not here even if Joe Kinnear joked about his team's superior marksmanship in scoring "five out of the six goals". The harsh truth was that the Coca-Cola Cup finalists, despite their midweek rigours. dominated most of a match played on sapping mud.

Wimbledon remain high on spirit — "We've gone brave again at the end," declared Kinnear — but low on the resources to remove themselves from the Premiership

They will probably have to sell before next month's transfer deadline, with Jones, despite his first appearance since New Year's Day, the

most obvious departure. "He still wants to go," Kinnear confirmed. "He insists he wants one more move before the end of his career."

The FA Cup replay with Huddersfield on Wednesday will stretch Kinnear's squad even more. Already deprived of Holdsworth and Ekoku. Wimbledon now lose Harford to suspension. That leaves Goodman, rapidly rediscovering his scoring touch after six weeks' injury, to carry the

striking buden. Defensively, Villa will want to forget this display as quickly as Wimbledon. The Premiership's most miserly team conceded three goals, all from close range, for the first time this season and were spared only by their hosts' ex-

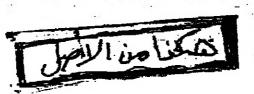
traordinary charity.

Reeves set a spectacular example, his stretching half-volley emphatically beating his own goalkeeper, before need-lessly bringing down Yorke and ushering in the penalty that gave the Villa striker his 20th goal of the season. Cunningham too defeated Sulli-van, before assisting Wimble don's rescue with his magnificent cross for Har-

ford's last-gasp beader.
After watching Milosevic fail to score again. Villa's manager Brian Little said: He's trying to walk it in, so I've told him to have a

WINGE.

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and 47min), Harford (90). Aston Villae
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Slackwell, Reeves, Kirsbie, Earle, Harford,
Laorhardsen, Goodman, Geylo (Jones,
74). Clarke (Euell, 84). Aston Willer Boanich: Charles, Enlogu. Southgate, Staunton, Wright, Scimess (McGrath 51), Draper Townsend, Yorke Milosevic (Joachim, BJ)



### Sport in brief

#### Eales below par but **Westner** is slippery

ENGLAND's Paul Eales played steady golf to finish with a two-under-par 70 in the FNB Players Championship in Durban yesterday but lost his hold on second place when the four-stroke overnight leader Wayne Westner was challenged by an inspired Jose Coceres. The Argentinian's inward 31, for a final round of 65, obliged the South African Westner to sink a dramatic 10ft putt on the 18th for his one-stroke victory. The Lancastrian Eales continued to strike his irons with tremendous accuracy but most of his birdie putts would not drop until the last green, where he holed a 25-footer to claim

drop until the last green, where he holed a 25-looter to claim third place and £10,500 from the European Tour event.

Westner's closing 70 for an 18-under total of 270 brought him £63,000 and, he said, "the best day of my golfing life". He explained: "The putt was the biggest of my life — not just the money but the three-year exemption into Europe, the invitation to the British Open and finishing top of the South African Order of Merit."

In Sudney the formure British Open shapping for Baker.

In Sydney the former British Open champion Ian Baker-Finch broke 70 for the first time for 17 months yesterday in finishing joint 33rd behind his fellow Australian Peter Senior in the Canon Challenge.

Baker-Finch was given a rousing reception up the last fairway on his way to a 69, his best round since a 68 in the Queensland Open in October 1994 where he had last made the halfway cut. "I have achieved two goals in one week." he said. "I know now how to keep the bad thoughts out of my mind."

#### Southgate struggle but go top SOUTHGATE went top of hockey's National League for the fourth

time this winter after a weekend when all five challengers for the men's title were forced to battle and only two of the top eight sides won, writes Pat Rowley.

Southeate were twice behind against Surbiton but played their best once Duncan Woods was sent off straight after putting them ahead for the first time in the 61st minute. They prevailed 5-2, Billy Waugh scoring two of four corner goals.

Cannock lost top place after another late Reading rally

snatched a 2-2 draw at Sonning. Chris Mayer scored the first goal and set up the second for Justin Pidcock but Reading came back with a Paddy Osborn penalty and, when Mayer was suspended, Scott Ashdown snatched the equaliser from a 65th-minute corner.

The surprise of the weekend was the failure of the indoor champions Old Loughtonians to beat the bottom club Stourport. Behind 3-1 after 19 minutes, they were relieved to share six goals.

#### Stich back in title mode

MICHAEL STICH ended the Croatian Goran Ivanisevic's 14match winning streak by taking the European Community tennis championship title in Antwerp yesterday, beating the man who triumphed in Zagreb and Dubai by 6-3. 6-2. 7-6. The German world No. 13, playing only his second event since tearing an ankle ligament in October, dominated from the net in the first two sets in a battle between two big servers - who together had hit more than 120 aces in their four previous matches in the tournament.

#### England's double berth

THE ENGLAND men's and women's badminton squads both won through to the world team finals in Hong Kong in May after two heartening performances in Prague on Saturday, writes Richard Jago. The men beat the Netherlands 3-2 while the women had a minor triumph in winning 3-2 against Sweden, the second seeds in their qualifying pool.

Higgins snookered by system THE defending champion John Higgins reeled off six frames in a row, including breaks of 104 and 100, to win his fifth ranking title in 16 months by beating the world No. 40 Rod Lawler 9-3 in the Sweater Shop International in Swindon, writes Cliux Everton.

The 20-year-old Scot will nevertheless still be rated only the

world No. 11 behind Stephen Hendry for another 10 weeks, be

cause of the complex exemptions and seeding system for world

ranking events.



Beaten by a head . . . Bolton's goalkeeper Keith Branagan is too late to prevent David Beckham giving Manchester United the lead at Burnden Park

Ipswich tear up the script for Taylor's return

**Martin Thorpe** at Vicarage Road on a disappointment for the man expected to lead Watford once more into the promised land

NE daily newspaper in the land. But how many of gerial career, time will tell. calls him a turnip, but us can say we have never Taylor asks to be judged in according to the Watford Independent Supporters' Association he is a god. Both cannot be right. Perhaps the truth about Graham Taylor is that he is neither a vegetable nor a deity but something in between: a human being.

Having inspired one of the most meteoric rises of any club in history, this basically honest and likeable man was seduced by the success of his powers into thinking he could

us can say we have never crossed the line between selfbelief and self-delusion?

His confidence now badly dented and his powers, as in some Arabian fairytale, taken away as inexplicably as they were granted, Taylor returned on Saturday to the scene of his greatest triumph. Where else to search for the lost magic?

Whether this decision will turn out to be as ill-advised as the many that categorised the the prospect of resurrection take on the hardest soccer job | last three years of his mana- at Vicarage Road. It took a

another three years on his at-Watford to their halcyon days. "Watford has changed," be says, "but we all can still dream our dreams. Let's give it a go and see what happens." At least he is now surrounded by family, people who love him, want him and,

"Our relationship has been that of brothers," says Taylor of his former chairman, "and he helped convince me I was fighting shy of Watford be-cause of how the media would react. I could not allow that to

The 51-year-old Taylor is team manager until the end of the season, when, he says, he will put away the tracksuit for ever and become general manager. Luther Blissett. striker, has been plucked from the Vicarage Road commercial office and read of start, they hoped, of a new era. as the WISA spokesman said, think of him as god. But Taylor initially demurred at

summons to dinner from the | playing with Fakenham and | and it was just like the old club's life president Elton | given until the end of the sea | days. There was even a bloke son as coach to see if he has what it takes to be manager.

called Barnes putting in a

teasing cross from the left to

But, Just like Taylor's

recent career, Watford lost their way. Ipswich switched

into fourth gear and proved

themselves as good as Wat-

ford once were, winning the

"I'm not worried about our position," said a chirpy Blis-sett of the seven-point gap

that separates Watford from the rest of the First Division. "There are plenty of games to

youth. Taylor can, probably, just about remember what

set up the first goal.

game 3–2.

that feels like

However, one cannot help wondering whether, as the touchline drug begins to take effect again during Watford's remaining games, Taylor will find it hard to take off the tracksuit.

something. One of Watford's biggest crowds of the season welcomed Taylor, Blissett and another old boy, the coach Kenny Jackett, as they linked raised hands before the start

Two-nil up after 44 minutes

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#### Basketball \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### Bears buried as defences take a break

Robert Pryce

COLIN IRISH may have been in line to become the and coach for the All-Star game, until his team suchot shooting. Blame it on their defences.

The Worthing Bears, beaten 90-84 by the London Towers in the 7-Up Trophy final last month, appeared to be in a po-sition to challenge for the Budweiser League title until last weekend. Since then they have lost three in a row. The Bears still lead the

league in scoring, but their defence seems to have fallen apart. They went down 112-104 to the Newcastle Comhome to the Manchester Giants on Saturday and 105-82 at the Towers' Wem-bley Court last night. "We've got a bit of the flu going around," Irish said,

"but that's part and parcel of playing through a long

Irish, the former England forward who replaced Alan Cunningham as Worthing's player-coach this season, chester to become the fourth player to have scored more than 6,000 English league third player to have passed this landmark, contributed 33. But the Bears were buried by the Giants' 34-point second quarter, which left them 60-44 in front.

The Towers last night did most of the damage in the first quarter. Danny Lewis opened the scoring with a three-pointer and the league leaders led 24-8 after eight minutes. By the sixth minute of the third quarter they had

points. The Birmingham Bullets regained third place in the league by beating the Doncas-ter Panthers 110-79 yesterday. their 11th win in 12 games. Manchester and the Leopards, who won 99-93 at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, have the same number of points. Worthing's hold on sixth place, meanwhile, is threatened by the surging Derby

Storm.

The Glasgow Brightsiders won 77-72 at the Edinburgh Burger Kings to gain a place in the Scottish Cup final against the Livingston Bulls.

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WORLD CUP CRICKET, GROUP B: ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA

# England batting folds again Title gap

Duck for Atherton in 78-run drubbing

a scenario. England qualify for the quarter-finals of the World Cup to meet Sri Lanka, whom they defeat. They play New Zea-land in the semi-final, winning that as well. From there it is just one good perfor-mance against the best of the rest before an open-top bus ride through London and a team-of-the-year award.

There can be no other explanation; England must be playing as badly as they are

of Raymond Illingworth's

nasterplan. Yesterday Rawalpindi be came the latest venue to see England trampled underfoot by a cocky, confident and thoroughly competent South Africa side. It was not the fault of the bowlers; they performed creditably, with dew on the ground and then a light drizzle that kept the ball wet, to dismiss their oppo-nents with the last ball of the innings for 230.

It was a total well within ball of the innings, and the bat his eyelids at the moment. Alec Stewart. Pinch-hitters key wicket of Graeme Hick hung his bat out to Pollock. are all very well — Palfrafor 14 before the eighth over and Hick who with Thorpe is man, badly missed by Cork

When Gough was finally yorked by Craig Matthews to bring proceedings to a close with 5% overs to spare, Eng-land, at one stage in danger of not making three figures, had

lingworth's view that a fairer reflection of the recent 6-1 drubbing in South Africa would have been a 4-3 win for knocked-out boxer claiming the fight because he had been ahead on points. Illingworth did not quibble about this seventh defeat, however, de-clining to attend the press conference and leaving it to the captain.
Atherton said that England

had fancied themselves get-ting the runs, "but South Af-rica made life difficult. We batted below par and they bowled a really tight line. And when you are on a confi-dence high, as they are, then things seem to click.

"As for us, we are not bat-ting with any flair or confi-

dence. It's not through lack of preparation; we are working hard. Quite simply there are too many batsmen out of form games with just one or two [in form]. You expect some high and need at least four in form to chase them."

Solving the problem may not be easy, for England have played all but one of their qualifying matches; they fin-ish by playing Pakistan next for Karachi and intend to practise diligently in the nets before playing a game on Fri-day against a Karachi Cricket Association side, whom they are confident of testing.

Shaun Pollock, Fanie de Villiers (who played in place of the unwell Alian Donald). Matthews and Brian McMillan were no slouches yesterday, and Pat Symcox produced a timely spell of off-spin out of the rough against England's middle-order clutch of lefthanders. But well as South Africa bowled, it was a third-rate



Turning point . . . England, having restricted South Africa to 230, quickly lose their captain

man, badly missed by Cork when he had seven, contrib-uted half of a 56-run opening was out.
The reafter South Africa never let go. Graham Thorpe, the only batsman other than Hick in any sort of form, made a polished 46, and although there was some defiance at the end from Phil De-

 who nudged, pushed and manoeuvred his way to the highest individual score of the match before chopping Symcox into Palframan's gloves — and the bowling of Peter Martin in particular

and Cork, Gough and DeFreitas. The bowlers chipped away at the South Africa batsmen, rarely allowing them to settle,

cricket at present.

moved back to the top of the | And Stewart's run-out, when | missed the team for around | days after playing Zimbabwe order, it was at the expense of | he failed to ground his bat, | 180 had not Jonty Rhodes, | [last Wednesday] for our next with a perky 37 from 32 balls, contributed at exactly the was symptomatic of his If any spark of encourage ment came from the game it was in the batting of Thorpe

In a game with no outstand-ing candidate, Rhodes's in-nings and his inspirational fielding, which on a bad day is out of this world, were sufficient to earn him the Man of the Match award.

• Sri Lanka, who went to the

top of Group A without bowling a ball yesterday as West Indies forfeited their match in Colombo, are worried by their lack of action. "The lack of competition is a concern and might well have dis- for us as we have to wait 10

match, against India the manager Duleep Mendis. Sri Lanka were awarded

two points because of West Indies' refusal to travel to the island after a bomb blast in Colombo on January 31 killed more than 80 people and in-jured 1,200. Sri Lanka also picked up two points when Australia pulled out of their match on February 17 for the

same reason.

Brian Lara has a stomach bug but the West Indies bats-man should be fit to face Kenya in Pune on Thursday.

Premiership: Bolton 0, Manchester Utd 6

# narrows as **Bolton are** hit for six

ANCHESTER On-ited's pursuit of Newcastle at the top of the Premier-ship broke from a trot to a gallop at Burnden Park yes-terday. Bolton Wanderers, for whom relegation now looks a formality, were swept aside as United moved to within

wavering team.
Clearly taking their cue from Newcastle's discomfort in the 3-3 draw with Manchester City the previous afternoon, United dazed Bolton with two early goals then prostrated them with four more in the last 20 minutes.

United travel to St James'

Park, where Newcastle have yet to drop a point, a week today for a match they have to win if the championship is seriously to be opened up. Presumably this lay at the back of Alex Ferguson's mind as he took off first Giggs, who had plagued Bolton, and then Cantons. Both played with minor strains, not that one would have noticed. The changes made little dif-ference. If anything they

worsened the already hapless plight of a Bolton defence that simply did not have the speed or organisation to keep the opposition out. Cole redeamed a couple of misses with his 10th goal of the sea-son, Scholes came off the minutes, bringing his total to 13, and Butt got into the act in

If the distinctions between top and bottom had become blurred at Maine Road, no such doubts lingered yester-day. Burnden Park may be lit-tle more than 10 minutes' drive from Old Trafford but the distance in quality between United and Bolton miles. Perhaps quality is the lack attacking quality and the persistence of Lee and Sellars on their flanks, augmented by Curcic and Thompson, gave them a respectable momentum.

United, however, possessed more know-how; in addition they possessed more pace, as much in moving the ball around as in sprinting past opponents to receive it. And essentially they possessed Giggs, once more starting a game on the left after

Sharpe's back injury had restored Beckham to the

United right. After two minutes a 25-yard drive from Curcic found Schmelchel flinging himself through the air to fist the ball ton's optimism expired. In the fourth minute United took the

by the quarter-hour.

The opening goal was scored by Beckham but was pass from Keane, the Welsh-man sprinted clear of Lee and produced an audacious volley which dipped over the goal-keeper's head before bouncing down off the bar and striking a post. Beckham

Cole, looking confident everywhere except in front of ham's centre wide when in a perfect position to score. The next time Beckham crossed, from a corner, Bruce's head increased United's lead. It

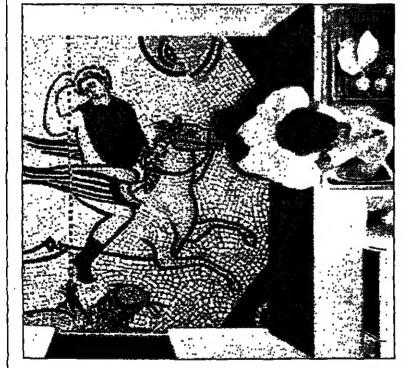
league goal for 11 months. When Bolton drove forward, as they often did, they were in peril immediately a move broke down. Yet as Curdid nothing to disillusion them when he gathered a pass from Giggs with time and space to score but shot over. There, however, Bolton's

ended. After 69 minutes Cole turned sharply past Coleman and scored United's third off the underside of the bar.

first goal in the 75th, the shot going in off Coleman, and Scholes scored his second, three minutes later, by divertenabled Butt to add a sixth at the end.

Ominously for Newcastle their old boy was at last be-ginning to look the part. It was United's eighth successive victory.

Bolton Wanderers Branagan; Green, Fairclough, Colaman. Phillips, Lee (McGinley, 73min), Curcic. Thompson, Sellars, Bisley, De Freibas. Manchester United Schmeichel; Irwin, Bruce, Palhster, P. Noville, Backham, Butt. Keene, Gipga (McClair, 57), Cantona (Scholes, 72), Cole.



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#### Scoreboard

## Apology sought for 'buffoon' jibe

DAKISTANI journalists
I are seeking an apology
from Mike Atherton over
an unflattering remark
made by the England captain to one of their colleagues after yesterday's
match, writes Mike Selvey.

Atherton was asked a
long rambling question by long, rambling question by a local journalist, Asghar Ali, about his side's future a player to treat a journalist plans. He replied that he in such a contemptuous did not understand the manner. The remark was question and when it was highly deplorable."

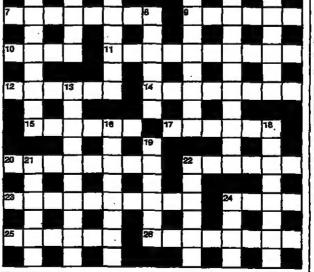


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24 Make short work of the tall grass (4) 25 Not yet studied under a

proper arrangement (6) 26 Followers should see the light (4,4) Down

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